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Business prospects finally appear to be picking up

By ALISON ALOISIO

Temperatures are dropping and spirits are rising.

Dismal weather over Thanksgiving, unseasonably warm weather early this month (not to mention over the last two years) — as recently as last week all these factors were casting a pall over prospects for business during the crucial holiday week.

But when the mercury started dropping last week, the sky seemed to brighten.

"As soon as the temperatures dropped to the teens, the phone started ringing more. It was snow-making weather," said Kathy Thrall of the Rostay Inn in Bethel.

Thrall's inn was full over the weekend, as ski racers came to town for a competition at Sunday River.

She's hoping to do as well New Year's weekend, but needs a few more reservations to get there. "All of a sudden it's hitting everyone that going to 2000 is a big deal. I think some people are leery of straying far from home (because of Y2K concerns)," she said.

At the Holiday House on Main Street in Bethel, however, new owner Sandy Dennis is booked for New Year's weekend.

"I haven't heard that (Y2K) worries at all," she said.

She has heard comments about the lack of snow. The relatively small number of skiers so far this season has hurt sales at her other business, Books 'N Things.

"Sales are down a little," said Dennis. "But I have a solid local base."

Carol Duplessis at Pooh Corner Farm in Gilead also has her core group of local customers to give her steady sales. Business from the tourist/skier clientele has been variable so far, she said.

"We see the homeowner skiers — they're regular customers (for such items as Christmas wreaths)," said Duplessis.

Duplessis expects a big flower business this week. "We're that last-minute place," she said.

Also benefiting from steady local business is the Good Food Store on Route 2. Add a lot of skiers stopping this past weekend, said clerk Jennifer Libby, and she's been busy.

At Philbrook Place in Bethel, new shopowner Christine Liberti said her "Benevolent Bear" gift shop gets a lot of "lookers, because I'm new," she said.

Her business neighbors at Philbrook tell her business is slower than usual, "but nobody seems dis-

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ASC's Otten optimistic

Associated Press/Citizen staff

American Skiing Company chief Les Otten is dreaming of a white Christmas and a snowy winter for that matter. But despite the unwintry weather here so far, he still has a positive outlook.

The head of the company that owns ski areas in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and other states vows to press ahead with aggressive growth at ASC resorts. He also says he is not discouraged by his loss of majority ownership to outside investors in order to stabilize the company's finances.

"The struggles of last year are behind us," said Otten, the company's founder and chief executive officer. "And the good news is that we are entering the year much stronger financially ... We are in a position to succeed."

The Newry-based ASC, the nation's largest network of ski resorts, lost \$32.3 million last year and will enter its third winter as a public company.

This season could be crucial to the company's future. Besides the weather, ASC must deal with a flat and aging skier market, and the fact that the company has yet to turn an annual profit since going public.

Otten says ASC will not go under should the winter's weather again be poor. The company last summer received an infusion of cash by a Texas-based investment group, which could cushion the company from the financial effects of a lack of snow.

The \$150 million investment by Oak Hill Capital Partners allowed ASC to pay down some debt and to extend the maturity date of most of

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THE GOOD FOOD STORE has had a steady flow of business from both locals and passing skiers. Here, Jennifer Libby waits on Kelly Churchill of Bethel. The winter season so far has gotten mixed reviews from local businesspeople, but the return of seasonable weather has brought the return of optimism.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Will Bethel ask smaller towns for help paying police costs?

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Should the four smaller towns surrounding Bethel be asked to contribute — voluntary — to help offset the cost of police services Bethel provides for them?

Town Manager Scott Cole plans to float that idea at the next meeting of the town selectmen.

The Bethel Police Department spends about 100 hours a year responding to emergencies in Gilead, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock, according to Police Chief Darren Tripp.

Much of that time is spent on occasions when the state police or county deputies call for assistance. In other cases, however, especially when a prompt police presence is needed and there is no nearby trooper or deputy, BPD officers will cross the line and be first on the scene.

The 100 hours make up approximately 1 percent of the total annual hours put in by Bethel officers. But Bethel taxpayers pay 100 percent of the annual cost of running the department — or approximately \$175,000 (the figure includes equipment purchases).

And such out-of-town responses are far from popular with some residents, who complain about both the cost and the fact that if an emergency were to occur in Bethel while an officer was elsewhere, response time would be increased.

With only finite resources to work with, there is little that can be done about the latter concern. (And Tripp points out that towns have long lived with a similar and more serious situation regarding fire

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Former World Bank economist has turned his energy to preserving what he loves about Bethel

By BETSEY FOSTER

Special to The Bethel Citizen

For 32 years Ken Bohr conducted industrial economic research for the World Bank. That work took him to foreign lands and even moved him and his family to Calcutta, India, where they lived for four years. One would think that after that sort of a work life he would have been ready to settle into a quiet and non-demanding retirement. Not so.

Retirement for Ken Bohr didn't mean slowing down

Bohr has been actively involved in the Mahoosuc Land Trust since the 1980s and has served as president for the last five years. The land trust is a western Maine organization dedicated to conserving

significant lands and balancing growth with conservation. Much of Bohr's retired life has been devoted to the trust. His home has an office where he does much of his work.

He is constantly busy: fielding phone calls for the land trust, continually thinking of ways to help secure funding for the acquisition of land parcels, and heading off to regional and national land trust conferences on a regular basis.

Sometimes he simply helps with moving trails on a piece of property acquired by the land trust. By most people's standards this sounds like work, and it is that effort which Bohr seems to enjoy.

"It is nice to have a job in the sense that I am doing something I think is worthwhile. It is having the pension from my work at the World Bank that allows me to do this," said Bohr.

Work allowing him to do more work. That makes for interesting pondering on the idea of retirement.

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Newry officials ask: 'Where's the fire?'

Question FD's rush to buy new truck

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry firefighters met Monday night and put a new, \$250,000 tank truck on their Christmas list.

The tax increase that would be needed to pay for the truck, however, left the town's selectmen in a Scrooge-like mood.

Town officials at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting were all in agreement that the Fire Department needs a new truck to replace a 1960s-vintage tanker. But they questioned the firefighters' request that Newry raise \$130,000 in one year for the purchase.

The town currently has \$90,000 in a fire truck purchase account, and also has the option to shift \$30,000 from the highway equipment account to use toward the truck purchase.

Sylvia Gray, the town's administrative assistant, said it was her understanding from a previous conversation with fire officials that the department would ask for the funds in two, \$65,000 installments. But deputy chief Randy Brooke, who brought the request to the selectmen, said firefighters voted differently at their regular meeting Monday.

"Last night it was 'go for the whole thing,'" said Brooke.

Brooke said it takes six months to a year to get a truck on order, and waiting another year could add \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the price.

The new truck would hold between 3,000 and 3,500 gallons of water, compared to the 2,000 the old truck holds. It would also have a powerful engine more capable of making the climb up the road to the Jordan Grand Hotel.

The town has never purchased a brand new fire truck. Why not go with a used model now, selectmen wondered?

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Christmas For Children

Christmas for Children is over the top

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Christmas for Children so successful! The total raised surpassed our goal and enabled us to provide assistance for more than 50 families and 130 children!

Your continued support of this program is greatly appreciated.

Dave Murphy
Christmas for Children coordinator
Bethel Rotary Club

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for one volunteer position on the Budget Committee, and one pilot opening on the Airport Authority.

Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon Thursday, December 30, 1999. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 for further information.

Esther needs some Grandma time over the Holidays, so... Dr. Shaw's office on Lower Main Street, will be **CLOSED XMAS thru JAN 2**.

In event of an eye injury, please call 875-5003 (days) • 836-2481

Happy Holidays!!

Letters

LAND SWAP IN HIS OWN WORDS

To the Editor:

After reading Miss Gadbois' article in The Bethel Citizen on Dec. 2 and 15, I felt it was time to come forward in my defense about the false statements being made about myself and the WMNF.

First of all, the land that she is concerned about me being rewarded because of violations is owned by me except for a very small section which I mow along with the rest of my land to keep it from growing up around the wild apple trees.

In doing so, there hasn't been any violations as she states or personal gains on my part, other than the satisfaction of maintaining the apple trees for wildlife purposes.

I have been working with the WMNF for almost a year now going through the various steps to complete this land swap to resolve several problems in the use of the spring, parking and having less corners with a more uniform piece of land to make the land swap as simple as possible. This entire land swap both sides of the road involves swapping approximately one half acre for one half acre of equal value.

It isn't the land swap that has Miss Gadbois so upset, if the truth be known, as her personal feelings toward me; being told by a person who speaks his mind is what upsets her. She claims she is motivated by morals. Knowing the false statements she has made about me, the WMNF and others in the past, I will never be convinced of that.

If anyone has any questions on the land swap, it is all public information and is being handled out of the WMNF offices in Gorham and Lacombe, N.H. I will also be happy to talk with anyone on the subject.

This will be my first and last public statement to the newspaper because I am not going to get into a war of words with an individual who is trying to use a land swap to settle hard feelings when she isn't getting her way. Besides, there isn't anything to be gained by it on a mature level.

Kenneth Zerbst
Norway

LIBRARY SALUTES EDNA YORK

To the Editor:

The trustees of the Bethel Library would like to salute our own Edna York as she turns 90 next week. Edna has been a gracious presence at the library over the years, assisting readers of all ages in selecting and checking out books. However, some of us are most familiar with Edna's tact and persistence in reminding us of overdue books and motivating us to effect a speedy return. Her energy and interest in life as she nears 90 fills us with admiration.

We are planning a birthday reception at the library on Thursday, Dec. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please come and join us in wishing Edna well.

Cathy Newell
President, Bethel Library Association

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER JAN. 16

To the Editor:

The National Honor Society apologizes for the tardiness of this announcement: The NHS Senior Citizen Dinner will be held on Jan. 16 at the Telstar High School cafeteria from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

We would like to thank all the people who helped the National Honor Society finally bring the dinner together.

Jessica Walker
Telstar National Honor Society

LIVING NATIVITY THANKS

To the Editor:

Well, it happened. The Living Nativity happened under new coordination. Whew! Yes, there were a few minor glitches along the way, but, hey, what does anyone expect from a rookie.

I just wanted to thank a few people for their help, without which it would not have happened. I want to thank the faithful few from Bethel Rotary Club for the setting up and taking down of the manger scene. Also, a thank you goes to the Bethel Inn, which allowed us the use of the Gibson Room for preparation.

I would like to thank Eric and Farrah and Ethan Hoyt, who were our "Holy Family." Also, a special thank you to Carl Brown, Drew Webster, and Cherie Mason who served as head shepherd, wise man and angel respectively, as well as to their supporting cast of shepherds, magi, and angels. Again, a thanks to Mary Brown for leading our choir, as well as those who served as our choir. And a thanks to Gwyneth, for being our narrator.

And to all those who helped with the coordination and clean up of the costumes and props, thank you so much. By the time I got back into the building it was all cleaned up.

Again, thanks to Carol Duplessis for the use of Eeyore, Dottie Boyce for her goat, and Tim Korhonen for bringing his cow. The animals really bring the scene to life. And thank you to everyone who came out to observe. We hope it was meaningful and helped focus on the real "reason for the season."

In writing this note of thanks, I fear forgetting someone that should be recognized. If I have, please forgive me and accept unspoken, but heartfelt, thanks.

Finally, thank you to the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, whom we remembered and celebrated, and who was my source of encouragement and guidance.

Rick Mowery
Bethel

THANKS FOR HELP AT TELSTAR

To the Editor:

The Telstar Parent Group Friends of TMS Parent Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many parents, grandparents and other special community members and friends that have helped out at the Telstar complex during our recent time of need. It was wonderful to see so many pleasant, caring individuals in the halls of our building. The school community is certainly blessed with the kindnesses of so many.

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Marilyn Swan
Telstar Parent Group

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BRICK SALE THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the gazebo brick sales. There have been so many community groups that need to be thanked: Kennett Realty, Western Maine Associates, Bethel Village Association, Bethel Historical Society, Bethel Rotary Club, Friends of Odeon Hall, individual inn and B & B owners, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Mann, Rostay, Chapman Inn, Sudbury Inn, Wild River Realty, Crescent Park School, Ruthies, Maine Press, Bethel Citizen, Town of Bethel, 2003 Committee, Playhouse Antiques, Dotty Duddy, Becky Kendall, and all the individuals who have supported this project so far.

People should not panic if they haven't returned their application or haven't received one yet -- sales are ongoing. We have sold approximately 100 \$35 bricks and a half dozen larger bricks. All donations are tax deductible.

The first phase of the brickwork will be at the Bethel Town Office. Then the project will move on down to the front of the Bethel Post Office. The school children, under the direction of Leslie Rosenberg, are creating a sundial that will be placed at the post office, as well as a bench. We need to sell 400 bricks for free shipping from Minnesota, and the town would like to start the work at the Town Office in the spring, so we are asking everyone to please return applications to the Bethel Town Office during business hours or send to Town of Bethel/Millennium, PO Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217-0660.

People from out of town have been very supportive. All names have been put into a hat for a drawing of Mrs. Brooks' hand-decorated tray. The lucky winner will get the perfect gift for any occasion.

Applications are available at Maine Press, Ruthies, the Town Office, Chamber of Commerce and Designs.

Janet Black
For the Gazebo Brick Sales

WEST PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS

To the Editor:

The West Paris Fire Department held their annual meeting and election of officers recently with the following results: fire command officers -- nomination of chief and forest fire warden, Craig Moore; first deputy chief, Mike Akers; second deputy chief, Hartley "Skip" Mowatt; captain, Jim Todd; lieutenant, Rick Cook; administrative officers -- president, Ken Bacon; vice president, Vance Bacon; secretary/treasurer, James Todd; training officer, Mike Akers; communications officer, Ken Bacon; fire prevention officer, Skip Mowatt; maintenance officer, Rick Cook; junior firefighter supervisor, Mike Akers; deputy forest fire warden, Mike Akers and Dian Stinson; traffic control division, Gordon Dillingham and Ron Dillingham; firefighters -- Ellis Ellingwood, Vernon Inman, Milton Inman, James Hutchinson, Doug Penley, Mike Allen, Greg Durgin, Tom Spears; dispatcher, Connie Bacon; auxiliary officers -- president, Laurie Allen; vice president, Janice Akers; secretary, Lolalee Dillingham; treasurer, Connie Bacon; auxiliary members -- Teal Hutchinson, Brydie Kane and Kim Inman; junior firefighter officers -- president, Walter Inman Jr.; vice president, Joe Hakala; secretary/treasurer, Corey Desjardis.

Chief Moore updated the members on the status of the new fire truck. If all goes well, the new truck hopefully will be delivered and in service by May. With the two primary pumpers at 20 and 30 years old respectively, this addition to the department is sorely needed.

Also, copies of the department's itemized budget will be available to any resident who would like to see in detail what funds and equipment are needed to maintain our ability to respond to emergencies. The chief advised that most of the equipment made available by the Maine Forest Service grant has arrived and will be placed into service to upgrade our forestry truck and Jeep.

Chief Moore also wishes to remind the residents of West Paris that smoke detectors have approximately a 10-year life span. People should date the detector when placed in service and replace it near the end of its life span.

Outgoing Chief Gary Latno was given a heartfelt thanks and a big round of applause for all his work the last three years as chief, stepping up to the plate and filling the position when former chief, Phil Edmunds, retired. Gary was also a former firefighter, deputy chief and training officer for several years before that and he was instrumental in getting our new truck ordered.

This meeting marked his last day of membership, as he is in the process of moving out of town. Thanks go to Gary for all his work and dedication.

The fire department, junior firefighters and auxiliary are always looking for volunteers. Whether a person is interested in firefighting, dispatching or in more of a support role such as the auxiliary or keeping the firefighters supplied with food or drink at an extended incident, we need him/her to help.

Anyone who would like to learn more about our junior firefighter program, auxiliary, our department or firefighting in general is welcome to contact the chief at 674-2107 or attend our firefighters' meetings held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Paris Fire Station on Kingsberry Street.

Ken Bacon
President, West Paris Fire Department

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

We do not knowingly publish letters that have been submitted to other newspapers, or letters to third parties, or letters which endorse products, or letters which are unsigned. These guidelines will be waived, however, when doing so is deemed to be in the community's interest.

In the case of letters which are critical of individuals, businesses, institutions or other identifiable groups, when possible the pertinent text of the letter (but not the name of the writer) will be sent prior to publication to the appropriate party for response. This is in the interest of fairness, allowing the criticized party to have their reply published at the same time as the criticism.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

In cases where the writer chooses not to do so, the editor reserves the right to make the relationship known.

The decision as to whether a given relationship is in fact relevant shall lie solely with the editor. In questionable cases we will disclose the relationship and allow our readers to judge the relevance for themselves.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Police

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equipment that is out of town on mutual aid calls. A police officer, he said, "can just jump in the cruiser and go, but when you've got a fire truck with hoses out, it's going to take you a while."

The cost concerns, on the other hand, can be addressed Cole believes -- by asking each of the four surrounding towns to contribute \$500, or one quarter of 1 percent of Bethel's annual police costs.

The contribution would be strictly voluntary, he said. Bethel has no way to compel other towns to contribute, and certainly would not threaten to withhold police services if they declined.

He has drafted a letter to the selectmen of the four towns. In it he assures them that no threat lies behind the suggestion of a contribution. Of the out-of-town responses,

We'd just
be appealing
to their best
instincts."

SCOTT COLE
Bethel Town Manager

he writes: "We want to stress that there will never be a policy change in that regard. Bethel police officers will always respond when an immediate presence of law enforcement is an absolute necessity and the Bethel Police Department is the logical agency to do the job."

"However, we are also compelled

to request a reimbursement from our neighbors for these services, solely out of fairness to Bethel taxpayers."

The letter draft has not yet been reviewed by the Bethel selectmen; nor have they signed off on the general concept.

Cole had planned to submit the proposal at Monday's board meeting, but the meeting was canceled due to the weather.

He said he does not know of any other town in Maine that has taken such a cost-sharing approach.

"This is not based on something I've read or heard of elsewhere," he said. "It just seems to be a fair and reasonable way to approach the problem. The other towns would be free to do what they like -- we'd just be appealing to their best instincts."

Fire truck

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Brooke said the maintenance costs on the town's aging fire truck fleet is adding up. He also said that having the new tank truck might allow the department to take two old trucks off the road because the new truck can also be used as a "first attack" vehicle at a fire scene.

Gray asked if the proposal had the recommendation of Neil Courtney, a fire department consultant hired by the town to assess Newry's fire protection needs for the

future.

Brooke said the department had not discussed it with him as a formal recommendation, but felt confident Courtney would agree the truck was needed.

The selectmen said they would take the request under consideration as part of the overall budget process.

With maintenance and other equipment requests for 2000 taken into account, the Fire Department's

total budget request would be \$193,000, if the truck were to be fully funded this year.

That, said Gray, would amount to about half of what the town proposes for its entire municipal budget each year.

Raising the money, estimated selectmen, would require the equivalent of another mill on the tax rate. "That would create a burden on a lot of people," said Gray.

Newry's current mill rate is 10.3.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Bethel's planned Sunday evening Living Nativity was canceled due to a strong, cold wind.

Sweepstakes winner Sandra Dennis donated the eight-day educational program at NASA space camp in Huntsville, Ala., to Telstar Regional High School. Solai Buchanan won the trip with alternates as Dustin Howe and Matt O'Meara.

Bethel's Police Chief Brian Stowell applied for and received many Hug-A-Bears that had been donated to WCSH-TV's recent campaign.

Mo Ginter and Audrey Sundman opened The Wood and Glass Gallery in the former Edelweiss building at the corner of Main and Church streets (now Wild River Realty).

Births: James Gibson, Tucker Adelman, Emily Holden.

Marriage: Earlene Ahlquist and Theodore Chadbourn.

Deaths: Addie Burke, Blanche Shaw, Velma Davis, Lewis Trine.

20 years ago: The Bethel Nativity was filmed for showing on Channel 8 and other stations as far away as Boston.

Mrs. Jean McGuire was approved as Title I Aide, replacing George Guinness, who had resigned.

Despite near zero temperatures a large crowd gathered along Main Street, Bethel, to see Santa Claus in a sleigh drawn by ponies driven by owner Richard Douglass' daughter, Beth; the Telstar Band's drum section led by Jerry Hefley; seven life-size Disneyland helpers for Santa Claus; Shrine clowns, who passed out candy canes along the way; a pony-drawn "Christmas Coach" of the Dresser family; and the Gould Academy choral group singing carols.

Raymond G. Moran, president of Bethel Savings Bank, announced the bank had been approved for membership in Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.

Swain Brothers in East Andover were selling Hornbeam airtight heating stoves.

Birth: Alan Russell.

Death: Kenneth Cole.

30 years ago: Betsy Brown, Tami Carson and Beth Manson were practicing for their parts as angels in the "Living Nativity Scene." Wilbur Myers narrated the story of the First Christmas.

Telstar won 56-55 in the Mountain Valley Conference basketball contest at Livermore Falls. John Trinward scored 18 points for his team.

Burton Newton and Harold Cluke were using their newly completed hangar at Col. Dyke Field.

Birth: April Bennett.

Marriage: Bonita Hazelton and Merton Vining.

Deaths: Daniel Cameron, Jerrold Gibbs, Marjorie Seaward, Kendall Marceau.

40 years ago: The Thunderbird Motor Inn, owned by Ethel and Max Zallen, was admitted to membership in the nonprofit motel association Quality Courts United, Inc.

The 2,000-gallon tank for the West Bethel Water system was installed.

Lt. (jg) Arthur E. Chayer was a member of the commissioning crew of the Navy's first guided-missile destroyer-leader USS Dewey when she joined the fleet on Dec. 7 at the Boston Naval Shipyard.

Births: Edward Evans, Geoffrey Inman, Bruce, Connell.

Marriages: Doris Gould and Arthur Mills, Carolyn Chadbourn and David Holden, Bernice Farrar and Leroy Brown.

Deaths: John Irvine, Hattie Harris, Donald F. Brown.

50 years ago: Bethel American Legion member Pete Baker portrayed Saint Nick at the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Isaac W. Dyer II was elected president of the Bethel Players.

The telephone line was extended to include Bloody Street (Locke Mills Road) and service began on Dec. 16.

Births: Ruth Tebbets, Vicky Brown.

Marriage: Lucia Mason and Lawrence Carroll.

Death: Charles Davis.

100 years ago: The chair factory was shut down for repairs.

Many cattle had TB and all in the area were being tested.

Harold Stanley was a clerk in Chauncey Bryant's store.

J.C. Billings was elected governor of the Sudbury Colony of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers.

Marriage: Eva Bryant and Clarence Fox.

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Briefly

Byway grant approved

NEWRY—A federal/state grant of \$176,700 has been approved for improvements to the Route 26 Scenic Highway, according to Deane Van Dusen of the Maine Department of Transportation. The money could be available for planning to begin in May to add educational signs, safety improvements and outhouse facilities along the scenic corridor between Newry Corner and the New Hampshire border. Also included in the grant funding is money to nearly double the size of the Appalachian Trail parking lot in Grafton Notch. Work on the improvements would likely begin in 2001, Van Dusen said. The local advisory committee for the Scenic Byways project will meet Jan. 6 at the Newry Town Office at 7 p.m. to discuss specifics of the planned improvements.

Norway Savings buys building

BETHEL—The Norway Savings Bank has purchased the Norway bank building located in the Bethel Station project. The bank decided to make the purchase because of positive growth since the bank branch opened in 1996, according to president Peter Montpelier. "We are happy to have a branch in Bethel and we believe in the long-term viability of the area," said Montpelier. In addition to the bank, other tenants include W.J. Wheeler Insurance Agency, Connecting Rentals, Bethel Station Chiropractic, ASC Resort Properties, Inc. and Bethel Station Limited Partnership.

Board to reconsider graduation date

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board will consider Jan. 10 whether to move the date of Telstar High School's 2000 graduation still further into June. The original June 2 date was moved to June 9 as a result of several bomb threats at the school. But that change does not allow for any storm days, according to Supt. Kent Rosberg. Seniors are required by law to attend school 170 days.

Emidy appealing permit denial

NEWRY—An Appeals Board hearing regarding a request by John Emidy for an after-the-fact building permit will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Newry Town Office. In October, Newry denied Emidy's after-the-fact permit application when he failed to pay a \$2,500 fine for building two additions to his Skyline Drive home without a permit.

Winners get skiway take-out snow

NEWRY—Sunday River Ski Resort shipped two truckloads of snow to New Hampshire this week to give two families a White Christmas. Two New Hampshire radio stations have been collecting stories from children about why they think they deserve a White Christmas. The winners, who live in the Portsmouth area, were chosen at random, and received snow deliveries from Sunday River, Sugarloaf and Attitash/Bear Peak.

No shed needed in West Paris

WEST PARIS—West Paris is no longer eligible for reimbursement for funds spent on the construction of a sand/salt shed, and therefore the town is not required to build such a structure, selectmen said last week. West Paris has town water, and the current sand/salt storage area does not affect aquifers from which businesses or residences draw water. As a result, the municipality is a low-priority town for construction of a shed. The Department of Environmental Protection recently relaxed regulations governing shed requirements.

Outward Bound move opposed

ST. GEORGE—Several neighboring property owners are challenging a proposed move by Hurricane Island Outward Bound's sea program to Wheeler Bay. Outward Bound bought a 43.8 acre site with plans to use it as a staging area for student trips to nearby islands. The school previously worked out of Rockland harbor, but said pollution and growth in that area necessitated a move. The Planning Board approved the proposal in October, but two couples who live nearby have appealed that decision. They argue the plan does not conform to the town's zoning ordinances. The area is zoned for commercial fisheries/marine activity, and the couples said the school does not fit into that designation. They also claim that the plan to house students and staff at the site is also a nonconforming use, and would threaten the tranquility of the area. The Board of Appeals is scheduled to hear the appeal.

SCORE schedules workshops

PARIS—The Oxford Hills SCORE chapter has scheduled a series of workshops in business planning, marketing, cash flow projection and financing a small business. The workshops will take place Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The total cost for the workshops is \$40 (includes spouse or one partner if a family business or partnership).

Maine below average in health

AUGUSTA—Maine falls slightly below the nation in a study that measures the health of its adult residents. The proportion of Maine adults classified as "well" was 41.3 percent, compared to 43.1 percent nationwide. Androscoggin County has the largest proportion—13 percent—of adults considered not well. The proportion of adults diagnosed with three chronic conditions is four times greater than Penobscot and Cumberland counties, despite its younger population.

New director at Sugarbush

WARREN, Vt.—An American Skiing Co. manager has been chosen as the fourth managing director of the Sugarbush resort since 1997. Bruce S. McCloy, 51, was hired after last month's resignation by Tom Richardson. McCloy said he hoped to develop stability and consistency at the resort, which has had heavy turnover in management. The ski area also shelved a \$30 million hotel project that was in the works for several years.

Snowboard ban to be reviewed

ASPEN, Colo.—The Aspen Skiing Co. will ask guests for input on whether a controversial ban on snowboarding should be lifted next season. The company will launch a survey over the holidays to help determine whether to end the ban. Aspen Skiing Co. owns three other ski areas but only Aspen Mountain is off limits to snowboarders. The ban has been unsuccessfully challenged by critics who say it is discriminatory. The company's last survey on the ban was conducted two years ago, but officials said they need more current data to re-examine the issue, and also want to gauge how much business is generated from snowboarding. An organization called Free the Snow has launched an effort this winter to overturn the bans at Aspen Mountain, Taos and Alta. The group has set up a Web site www.freethesnow.com to try to inform people about the issue and convince them to lobby the U.S. Forest Service to exert pressure to end the bans.

Y2K fears fading.

BRENTWOOD, N.H.—Bill Herrick was selling cases of government-issue meals at his Army-Navy store not too many months ago. But Herrick says his sales have dropped as people have stopped worrying about an apocalypse arriving with the new millennium. Now, he says foods like pre-packaged grilled chicken breasts languish on store shelves. He says in October he took down his sign reading "Y2K meals here." Since then, he says except for one elderly woman asking about the meals, business has returned to normal. A new University of New Hampshire Survey Center poll says fears of major problems in New Hampshire from Y2K computer glitches are fading.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

They weren't reindeer

At 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 police received a report of about eight juveniles on the roof of a Route 26 church. By the time the officer arrived, all had pranced away.

Monday, Dec. 20

At 8:30 p.m. police were asked to check for a plane that had not closed its flight plan. On arrival at the airport the officer found the plane had just landed.

At 10:39 p.m. police received a report of an incident with mutual assaults. The officer met with a male subject who had called in the complaint. The officer then received a report that a female subject was at a Main Street business requesting a rescue unit. Responding, he found the woman had obvious signs of assault. David Weston, 38, of Bryant Pond was then arrested for assault and taken to the Oxford County Jail.

Saturday, Dec. 18

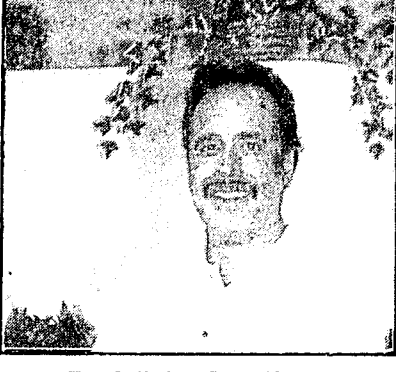
At 5:16 a.m. police received a report of an unwanted male subject on Mason Street. On arrival the officer learned a female subject had a protection from abuse order on the male. Michael Rainey, 28, of Bethel, was arrested for violation of a protective order and was taken to the Oxford County Jail.

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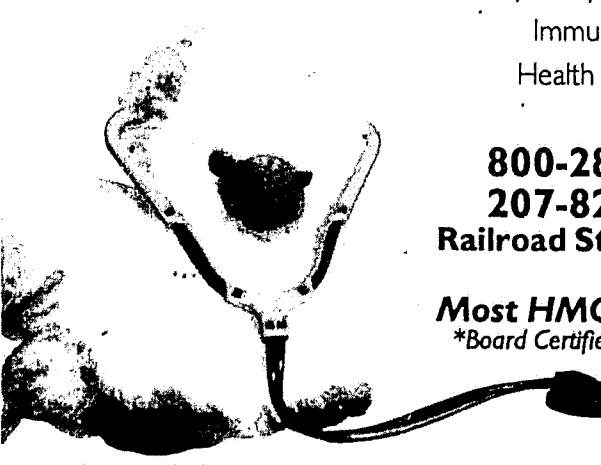
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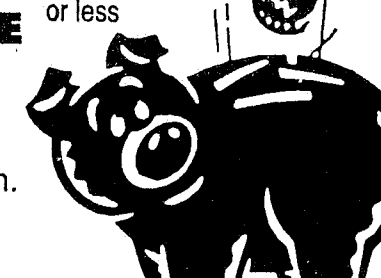
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New Year's Eve Celebration
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Bohr

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Ken Bohr and other Mahoosuc Land Trust members have been instrumental in preserving key parcels of land in the Bethel area. Bohr is shown here at the 14-acre triangular parcel located on Route 26, just south of Bethel Village. The land trust raised \$72,000 to buy the parcel and preserve the view at the entrance to Bethel.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

He stayed at that position until 1982 when he retired at 62 years of age. He and his wife Gwyneth, a minister, were living in Virginia at the time. Their three daughters were grown. It was a trip to visit long-time friends from graduate school that lived in Randolph, N.H., that took them to Bethel.

"We were going to spend the summer at our friend's home in Randolph, and we arrived a day early so we stayed overnight in Bethel and found it beautiful," remembered Bohr.

Out of a one-night stay came a move that has lasted years. While they spent the summer in Randolph, they found they preferred the year-round community of Bethel to the summer community of Randolph. They had also had some indirect influence toward Bethel. The minister at their church in Virginia had attended workshops at the National Training Labs' facility in Bethel and spoke enthusiastically about the area.

The Bohrs ended up buying a home within the village of Bethel and, until 1986, they traveled back and forth between it and their home in Virginia. That was the year they moved permanently to Bethel, and Bohr says they have never regretted

it.

It was at that time that he became involved with the Mahoosuc Land Trust. At first it was serving on the board of directors. Then, five years ago, he was asked to become president. And he has held that position until this fall. He retired as president this October.

"I never intended for it to be that long, but one thing after another came up and the years flew by," said Bohr.

It is the Gateway Project in which he takes the most pride. This is a 14-acre parcel of land, which the land trust acquired in 1995. Located along Route 26 as Bethel is approached from the south, it is open land marking the gateway to a dramatic vista of the Mahoosuc Mountains. It is prime real estate, and development of the land for commercial purposes was a possibility.

At that time the other side of Bethel, along Route 26 north, was the site for development on an agricultural parcel. The construction of an Irving gas station and convenience store was underway. Some people liked the development, but many others were concerned by the ease and speed with which open land was developed. They saw the po-

tential for development happening on the Gateway property.

That is where the land trust stepped in. They raised \$72,000 to acquire the Gateway property. Half the money came from The Betterment Fund, one of three philanthropic funds from the estate of part-time resident William Bingham II. The other half came from the people of Bethel and visitors to the area.

"Some people didn't believe we could raise that money in Bethel. I think the development on the other side of town helped us raise the necessary funds," said Bohr. "People didn't like what had happened and wanted to do what they could to prevent it from happening on the other side of town."

Money also came in from people who had visited or vacationed in Bethel and had a love for the area. As the deadline drew near Bohr worried the land trust would have to borrow money to meet the total amount required; but a man from Arkansas sent a check in the nick of time. It met the balance, and borrowing was avoided.

Bohr and the land trust have worked hard to keep other parcels of land open. Since 1990, they have acquired six properties and hold

conservation easements on three others for a total of over 450 acres.

A conservation easement is a permanent agreement between a landowner and a conservation agency with the landowner relinquishing certain development rights such as subdivision and mining. Forestry and agriculture are generally allowed. The landowner can receive favorable tax benefits in exchange for the conservation easements. The easements stay with the property when it is sold so the land remains open in perpetuity.

It is the continuation of open land about which Bohr has a passionate as well as a balanced view. It is the balance that makes his view stand out.

"There is an aesthetic reason for keeping the landscape open, but it should be more than just that. It should be open for productive uses such as farming, tree growth, hunting or fishing and public access (such as to waterways)," said Bohr.

Despite his retirement as land trust president, he still plans to continue to do something productive for the landscape he shares with us all, by serving as treasurer for the organization and on its finance committee.

Business

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couraged," she said. "I hope that this is 'down' and now we're on the way up."

For a business like Chris Hayward's Big Adventure laser tag, things have been looking up since Thanksgiving. The wet weather that was so discouraging to other businesses was a boon for him.

"The (rainy) two days after Thanksgiving were the two busiest days since we opened," he said.

Now, said Hayward, "We're seeing a lot of skiers and ski teams."

This past Saturday, for example, 110 kids from two New York City tour buses showed up and played for three hours. On Sunday, another tour bus from New Jersey brought 55 kids.

Bethel Express moves people on a smaller scale than the big buses, but the local transportation service has been racking up plenty of miles recently. BE is making two to four trips to Portland, primarily to pick up people at the jetport.

"It's like somebody dropped a bomb," said vice president Bob

Owens.

With the recent upswing in business, Owens has had trouble finding enough drivers to transport his customers. Ironically, he said, "There are people who want to work, but they have transportation problems."

They're coming -- snow or not

Whatever kind of winter weather, Mother Nature has in store for the remainder of the 1990s, there is apparently one solid core of visitors who will bring their business to Bethel no matter what.

"We've had a lot of phone calls from people tied in with Mt. Abram or Sunday River saying they're coming up to spend New Year's," said Randy Bennett of the Bethel Historical Society.

The society was a prime organizer of the first annual New Year's Bethel celebration in 1998.

"They're the same people coming back from last year," said Bennett. "They said they were delighted with Bethel, and they're coming, snow or not."

ASC

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the remaining loans.

Otten also points to the completion of two major real estate projects, a hotel and lodge, at The Canyons in Utah. The projects will generate real estate income besides putting more people on the mountain to buy lift tickets and other goods.

The resort also hopes to capitalize on the 2002 Olympic Games in Utah.

ASC is about to build a gondola at Heavenly in Lake Tahoe to lift people from the village to the mountain, while at Sunday River, the company's Jordan Grand Summit Hotel is more than 70 percent sold, according to ASC spokesman Skip King. Grand Jordan quartershares sell for from \$42,000 to more than \$250,000.

In Vermont, Otten hopes to begin construction of a European-style village at Killington in early 2001.

To continue the vacation-destination concept, he envisions building several European-style ski villages and entertainment districts at his ski resorts, all designed to encourage longer vacations.

Otten bought Maine's Sunday River in 1980 and invested heavily in snow guns and ski lifts to move people faster and provide more consistent ski conditions. In 1997, his company offered stock to the public to fuel even faster growth through acquisitions.

The company became saddled by debt and its stock took a beating. Management shake-ups and layoffs followed. Then the resorts suffered the most unfavorable winter weather in years.

Guns are pounding away here

With the temperatures finally falling, things are also looking up at ASC flagship resort, Sunday River.

With around-the-clock snowmaking temperatures predicted through Christmas, Sunday River should be able to begin the holiday week with 50 trails open, and skiing on all eight of its peaks, according to spokesman Ryan Triffitt.

That amounts to almost 50 percent of the resort's skiable terrain, Triffitt said. But the resort still faces a problem lingering from the warmer weather earlier this month — paying off on guarantees that it would have 70 percent of its terrain open by the day after Christmas.

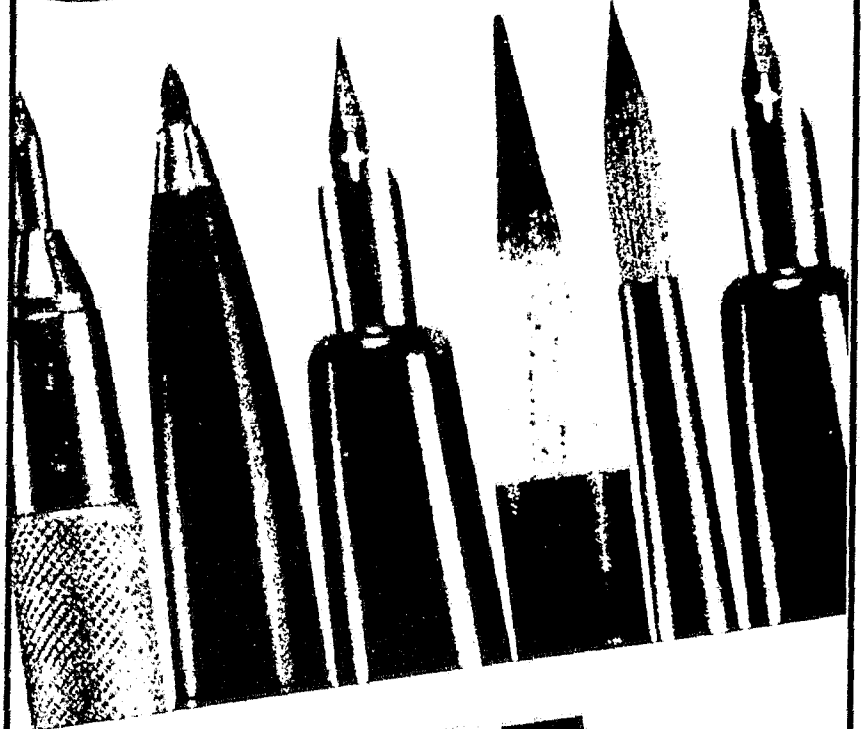
Visitors with lift-and-lodging packages who arrive between Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are potentially eligible for the package, Triffitt said. If they don't find 70 percent of the mountain skiable, they will be eligible for a discount-and-voucher package for future visits to Sunday River, Canyons and Steamboat.

The total value of the package is in the neighborhood of \$1,000, Triffitt said.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE

Happening Around Town

Christmas Eve Services

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7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Bethel Alliance Church. Route 26. 824-2289.

7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight Service at Pleasant Valley Bible Church. West Bethel. 836-2828

7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services at West Parish Congregational Church. 7 p.m. readings and carols, 11 p.m. candlelight and communion. Church Street.

New Year's Eve Celebrations

Dec. 31, 1999

6 p.m.

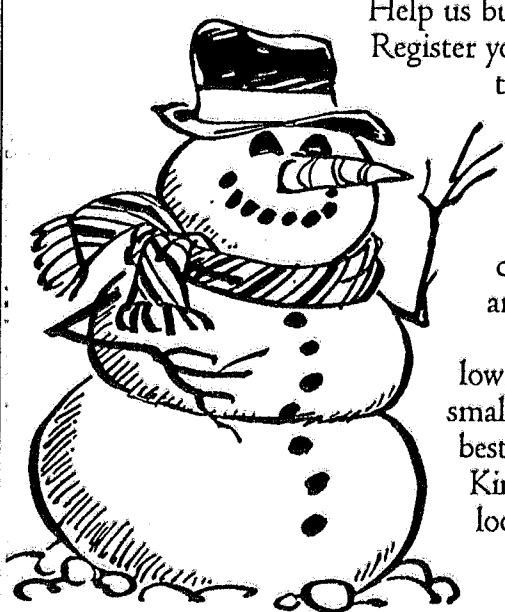
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Barb McFaden
Gooseberry Patch

Bundle branches of white pine, cedar, and winterberry and tie them together with raffia for a country touch.*

Hang Christmas cookie cutters from red ribbons in your kitchen window.*

Wrap a fat white candle with cinnamon sticks and tie with a golden bow. Add a sprig of holly.*

Tuck silverware into clean, bright mittens at each place setting. Use a scarf as a table runner for a warm wintertime gathering.*

Candy canes and silverware tied with a Christmas bow are a surprise greeting at a holiday table.*

Mark guests' places with personalized ornaments tied with a bow and placed in wine glasses. Write their names on the ornaments with acrylic paints or a gold or silver pen.*

For a festive entrance, pot small live trees, such as Norfolk pines, in straw baskets. Wrap the baskets in big red ribbons and place them by your front door.*

Place lots of pure white votive candles in glass holders on the mantel and all over the house to add an overall twinkly light.*

Fill a canning jar almost to the top with fragrant potpourri, or with bright red cranberries. Find a clear glass candle holder that will sit nicely on top, inside the rim of the jar. For extra sparkle, use a pure white candle in a votive candle holder.*

Create a lovely centerpiece by building a pyramid of spicy pomander balls ... oranges studded with cloves ... and sprigs of greenery and berries. Build your arrangement on top of a round wooden cutting board or any flat circular container.*

Include a small take-home favor at each place when setting the table for a holiday dinner party. Make your own ... even a brightly-decorated sugar cookie will do ... or plan ahead and purchase small items at after-Christmas sales.*



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by Virginia Keniston
Mike, Kathy, Owen and Nora Davis of Norway visited Amy Davis on Saturday. They installed and decorated the Christmas tree, then attended the Living Nativity program on the common, after which they had dinner at Amy's along with Colwyn and Judy Haskell.

Among those home for holiday vacations are Scott Lane and Mindy Cooley from North Carolina.

Bill and Joann Feagin of Henderson, N.C., visited her mother, Eva Perry, who has been at Stephens Memorial Hospital and is now at Ledgeview Nursing Home for a time of recuperation.

A reception was held on Sunday at the Methodist Church for Edna York and Sarah Stevens, who celebrated their 90th birthdays this month.

On Sunday, Bob and Ginny Keniston joined Glenn and Martha Bangs and attended the musical concert provided by the very popular Manchester Brass Quintet at Bridge Academy in Dresden. The large audience was most appreciative of their wonderful Christmas renditions.

Weight Watchers will meet Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3:45 p.m. at Crescent Park School, Room 20.

Danna and George Nickerson were in Auburn at CMTC Saturday, to help Kate celebrate her birthday.

Lindley and Pauline Wieden were twice blessed this past weekend. On Saturday, their granddaughter, Amber Bergeron from North Berwick, spent the day with them. On Sunday, their son Stephen, Theresa and Eileen from Windham spent the day with them. What a delightful time they shared together.

If you like reading my column, please call me with your news items (824-2661).

Ginny Walker of Waldoboro visited with Thelma Remington several days this week.

A report was received from Sudbury Village that the Christmas carolers came by and the sound was beautiful.

There will be a New Year's Dance (non-alcoholic) at the Locke Mills Town Hall, with music furnished by the Felt Orchestra on Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at 10 p.m. A donation of \$8 per person will benefit the Greenwood Historical Society.

Last week, Rebecca Kendall and Esther Wilson drove to Radford, Va., where they attended Jarrod Crockett's graduation from Radford College. Also attending the very impressive ceremonies from Bethel were Larry Smith and Jarrod's father, Gordon (Butch) Crockett.

The Bethel House
by Ruth Cummings
It was Darren Buker, not Warren Buker, that was at Wayne and Becky Cummings' on Thanksgiving.

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A HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—“Angel,” one of several dozen cats moved out of a West Bethel home in November, was adopted Saturday by Fern Tilsley of Rumford Point. Angel and the other cats have been staying in a greenhouse at the Mountain Greenery shop in West Bethel.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

ing Day.

A lot of us are enjoying the warmer weather we had but just maybe it will not shorten the winter. It may be added on the other end when we are waiting for spring. And another thing, in some ways it is not good. Nancy Cummings reported that her lilacs are budded.

Some people are hoping for snow on Christmas Eve. I am not. There will be a lot on the road and the road crews would be unable to enjoy Christmas Eve at home. They deserve the right to enjoy Christmas Eve at home. And if they were out half the night plowing and sanding, they could not even enjoy Christmas Day.

Liz Perry of PMV Coastal was at the Bethel House Thursday getting our signatures on new leases for Y2K and giving out envelopes to mail our rent checks in. She also signed in Janice Hill of the Annis Road, who moved into the Bethel House on Dec. 12.

The workers have been painting and laying new carpets in the

apartment vacated by Irene Russell, and hopefully Carroll and Bea Bean of Hanover will be moved in there by the time you read this.

Maybe some of you will recall a winter in the '80s when we had little snow and many had pipes freeze and were carrying water from the Mechanic Street filling station.

Some claim that there is more sickness in a winter like this. That it takes cold weather to kill the germs. That may be, but I think there is plenty of colds and flu no matter what the weather.

Rudy and Joann Royer had the church Christmas party at their home again this year. This was the third year. I did not make it this year, as I was afraid it would be slippery walking to the door and I am so lame. I wanted to go so bad, as the other two years I had such a nice time. It was reported to me that about 40 attended this year. All had a good time and lots to eat. I did not lose out on the goodies, as Drew brought me in some the next morning and he visited a while.

There was a very good attendance at Bethel Alliance on Dec. 12. Pastor Rick's message was “Gabriel's Message,” offertory, Tracy Gibbs and Joann Royer talked on world missions. Dick Farren and Ron Millett became members of the Bethel Alliance Church.

I have heard that dreaming of cats would make you rich. It is not so. I often dream of cats and I am far from being rich in money.

Elaine Dresser was at the Bethel House on Monday and she visited the residents and said she would be back on Thursday for the party.

Becky Cummings stopped by on her way to work Tuesday morning and left me baked beans, rolls and coleslaw.

Vada Grover spent the day with me on Tuesday and we played cribbage and now at 491 games I am three ahead still, but until I managed to get ahead on Nov. 16 she had stayed ahead since Aug. 31.

We also went to the Rotary Senior Citizen Dinner at Locke Mills Legion Hall. It was a great dinner and they fed 116. There was entertainment and a Christmas tree. It certainly was a great meal. Thanks to all that worked so hard to make it possible.

Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan

It seems to me December has given us many gray, bleak days but today was nice and I took a longer walk. Compare it to those of other years, its reality wasn't much. I observed the brown fields and gray woods, the pond and the somber tones of the landscape. Even with thin ice, there were a few ducks moving about.

The abandoned nests of robins, catbirds or cardinals wait for a fistful of snow. The wild-living world is ready for winter.

Most of us were not happy with the strong winds on Saturday. The most damage right here was the ripping off of the shingles from the garage of Ann and Bradley's home place. They flew up into and through the air like a flock of birds. When I first heard it coming, it sounded like a train rolling down the farm fields and through the woods.

Our power also went off, so I turned back time and got my kerosene lamps going. A little later I was taken to the farm until the power came back. My neighbors and relatives were very thoughtful. We had a good night, for which we were thankful.

We were fortunate that our telephones stayed in use.

I have lived here in the valley more than 70 years and never have experienced a stronger wind blow.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

I am prompted to write this article by an article in the December issue of Readers Digest magazine

and last Sunday's sermon by Pastor John Williams at the West Bethel Union Church. The subject of both the article and the sermon were, “Whose Millennium is it, Anyway?” The crux of both the article and the sermon was that a man, who would be considered by most measures to have been a failure, preached a message that has endured for 2,000 years. Not only has the message endured, but it has blossomed to the point where it is recognized throughout nearly all of the inhabited parts of the earth. What is this persistent message? It is a doctrine of love and gentleness, and it has as much or more relevance today as it did 2,000 years ago.

Consider what has happened to most of the symbols of power, violence and hate that have appeared and faded over the last 2,000 years: the Roman Empire has all but disappeared, the European colonial powers have risen and fallen, the Chinese dynasties and Japanese samurai cultures have disappeared, as have the Maya, Aztec and Inca Indian cultures, and the 20th century's negative Nazi and Communist philosophies are dead or dying.

Now, look at what is happening in many parts of this country, with the glorifying of gore and violence in TV, movies and the video games industries. Even acclaimed movies such as “Schindler's List,” a very powerful portrayal of Nazi German atrocities against Jews, to my mind, dwell too much on graphic details of killing and death. (Some say it was necessary to be graphic to con-

vey the extent of the horror, but I felt as if I was being forced to watch someone repeatedly torture helpless animals even after the point had been made; I kept hoping the movie would end.) It seems that we expose our young people to so much simulated violence that they become accustomed to it.

Too bad we don't have more “Love Story” or “It's a Wonderful Life” movies and fewer “Texas Chainsaw Massacres.” Perhaps more loving and gentle messages in schools and in homes today would result in fewer bomb threats and school massacres. Can we preach love and gentleness in school without someone filing a lawsuit for breach of someone's freedom of religion? As Pastor John Williams said on Sunday, “Jesus never forced anyone to do anything.”

I wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday and a loving and gentle New Year.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange held a regular meeting on Dec. 10. It was decided to hold our January, February and March meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 7 p.m., with a soup or chowder at 6 p.m. If enough people are interested, there will be card games after the meeting.

Carolyn Grant of Winterport visited Leslie Noyes and Nina Mollicone on Dec. 18-19.

Florence Hastings went to George and Ginny Gamble's Open House on Paradise Road on Dec. 19.

Sonny and Bettyann Hastings visited Eric Hastings and family in Redding, Mass., on Dec. 16-17.

Pat Kimball will celebrate her birthday on Dec. 25.

Samantha Mullen came home from school on Dec. 21.

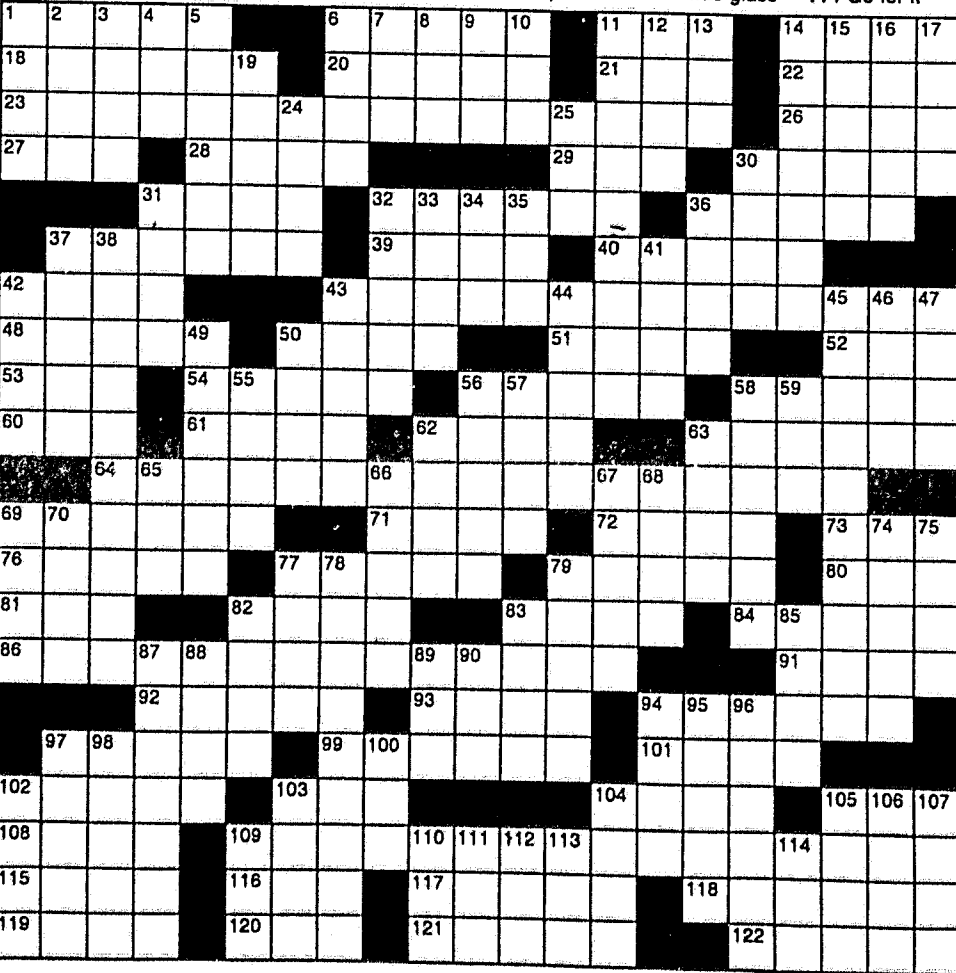
John and Penny Kittredge hosted a Christmas gathering on Dec. 19. Peggy Coolidge, Mary Bean, Pam and Steve Wojtylski of Westbrook, Peter Bean, Chad Bean and Monica Bean with Lukas Ryan Bean-Wodka and Arthur Hertell all attended.

I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

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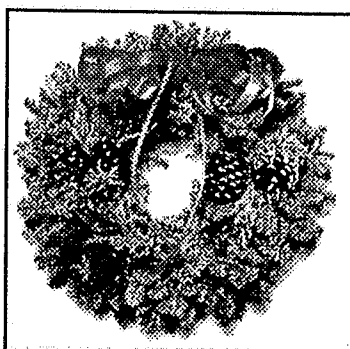
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Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

Now I must give credit where credit is due, and I am happy to be able to tell you about the decorations on the Andover Town Common. The town wishes to thank the following: the Andover Service Circle for donating the lights, Patty and Lester Richardson, Ken Dixon, Shirley Gammon, Richard Sullivan, Jim Coolidge, Victoria and Marshall Meisner, Mills Market and Dave's General Store for donating wreaths. Ken Dixon decorated the tree and Donna Morse, Vicky and Marshall Meisner decorated the gazebo. It really is a job well done, and if I've left anyone out -- blame Marshall.

Lorena Simmons was entertained on her birthday by her daughters, Victoria Meisner and Rebecca Nickerson; Marshall and Bert went along, too.

Violet Swain also celebrated a birthday last week. Unlike Evelyn Bell, the two ladies previously mentioned, paid me mucho bucks to keep their ages out of this column.

Juliette White is visiting in New Jersey with her daughter, Julianne Slick, over the holidays. I shall be visiting my sons in "The Greatest City in the World," Boston, for Christmas. (I'll get flack over that one -- not the visiting part, the greatest city part.)

The Andover Service Circle recently donated a VCR to the first grade of the Andover Elementary School.

Amy Green, daughter of Wendy

Green, has been accepted at Sarah Lawrence College in New York for next fall. Way to go, Amy, we are all very proud of you.

Lila Farrington is now living with her daughter, Geraldine Parise, in Rumbold.

Lorena Simmons entertained 10 members of the East Andover Community Club on Dec. 13. Officers for the next two years will be Barbara Meisner, president; Betty Moore, first vice president; Marjorie Stinson, second vice president; secretary, Doty Arsenault; and treasurer, Violet Swain. Secret Pals were revealed and new ones drawn. Plants have been given to two members who are unwell, Glenna Allen and Phyllis Farrar. The club donated money to the Andover Calvary Church and the First Congregational Church to purchase bibles for their Sunday schools.

Mrs. Peggy (Fraser) Webber of Littleton, Colo., visited last week with relatives and friends in Andover and Bethel. Her brother, Allan Fraser, died on Dec. 13. Mrs. Webber lived with Rob and Lucy Swain and attended Andover schools in the mid-1930s.

Remember that the Town Office will be closed on Dec. 24. You will be happy to know that Phyllis Spaulding is feeling much better after her bout with the flu.

Ralph (Perry) Stinson Jr. and Jana Lane were married in Colorado on Dec. 18. Perry's sons, Kier and Matthew, and daughter, Rachel, were able to attend the ceremony.

I am closing in fast on the solution to the riddle of who invented the microwave. I found out this past week that the inventor came from Maine. Now all I need is his/her name. Anybody know? Am

I related to him/her? Hope so.

Here is one tradition of my family I miss very much now that my sons are grown, so I'll pass it on to you to do with what you like. Every Christmas Eve after midnight mass we had a birthday cake for the Baby Jesus. We lit the candles and sang Happy Birthday to Him. Everyone took a turn to blow out one candle and to make a wish that we thought Jesus might have made, no wishing for toys was allowed. It brought to the front of our minds the real reason for Christmas. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Merry Christmas. May all your days be filled with love. Happy Birthday, Jesus.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Congratulations to Erica and Tara Monzo for making the honor roll this term.

I went to the doctor in Lewiston last week and saw the former Bethany Andrews, who told me she had some good news. She didn't tell me I could divulge it, but it will be known soon. Bethany also told me that her father, Stan Andrews, will hopefully be coming home soon.

No one seems to be around for news this week; all getting ready for Christmas I suspect.

I have some happy memories of this past year including the birth of a great-grandson, Zachary Lynch, my children are all healthy and my four grandchildren are well and getting on well in their lives. I also feel happy that I live in the state of Maine where life is a little less hectic than other places.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of John Knightly who passed away recently.

At the December meeting of the Historical Society there was an enjoyable Christmas party preceded by a potluck supper. Annella Burnham arranged for the supper. Gifts and cards were exchanged at the party and the museum had a tree and other decorations. Thanks to everyone who helped set it up.

Larry Billings has information on notable Woodstock citizens. He has also given the society a rare book.

Merry Christmas to all and a safe and happy New Year.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that a careful driver is one who has just spotted the police speed trap."

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War met at the home

of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 13, for a regular meeting and Christmas party. Fourteen members were present. Election of officers was held and they are as follows: president, Helvi Cary; senior vice president, Heather Jordan; junior vice president, Elsie Bonney; chaplain, Elena Noyes; treasurer, Harriett Estes and Alice Hoyt; council one, Michelle Cary; council two, Beatrice Farnum; council three, Bessie House; patriotic instructor, Elizabeth Hoover. The next meeting will be Jan. 10 with a potluck supper and installation of officers. It was reported the gifts and comfort items

sent to Togus for Christmas valued over \$200. The mystery package went to Beatrice Farnum. A reading, "At the Request of a Soldier," was read by Beth Hoover. Exchange of gifts and cards was held after the meeting, as was the tasting party. A thank you was read from Togus for items given and a Christmas card from Mrs. Pugliese.

At the Bryant Pond Baptist Church on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. is Ladies' Bible Study and also at 7 p.m. is Men's Discipleship Class. There will be a candlelight service on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. On Jan. 2, missionaries George and Kathy Ross, serving the Trans World Radio in Guam, will be at the Baptist Church for Sunday School and the morning service.

On Wednesday, the Woodstock Extension met at the home of Alice Hoyt for a Christmas party, with 10 attending.

Last Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway attended the Paris Christian Academy Christmas program.

On Wednesday evening, James Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt attended the Christmas program of Edgcomb Eddy School in Edgcomb.

The Historical Society has much local memorabilia from the town of Woodstock. Visitors to the society's museum can learn fascinating things about our community from such materials. Curator Larry Billings recently read part of Joshua Chamberlain's account of the end of the Civil War. George Wheeler donated some small items made at Stowell's Mill to the society.

To celebrate the millennium, Curator Billings is going to use

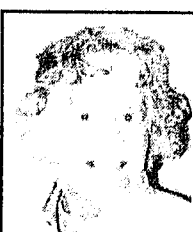
some canisters he has obtained as time capsules to commemorate the beginning of the year 2000. Any society members who want to put something in them at the January meeting may do so. They will be stored upstairs in the museum and opened at some future date. This will be a simple and effective way to record our thoughts on the turn of the century for posterity. The society is always trying to leave a legacy for tomorrow.

The December meeting was a potluck supper and Christmas party with tree and exchange of gifts. Many members helped decorate and brought things for the celebration.

Curator Billings has drawn up plans for a walking tour of Bryant Pond's Main Street. Any society members who would like to show visitors around are welcome to use the information. Every town has had a lot happen on its Main Street; it is important to local history. Tours will probably not be given until better weather in the summer. However, you should be aware the society has the capability.

Merry Christmas to each of you.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley

Call to worship was held at the Newry Community Church on Sunday at 9 a.m. with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. The invocation was by Jay Hanscom; lighting of the Advent candle by Owen Wight; responsive

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reading by the pastor and other readings by Sylvia Wight, Owen and Sue Wight, Sue Bowie and Jay Hanscom; songs by Jay and Nancy; hymn sing; benediction and postlude. After the service, coffee, etc., was enjoyed, Christmas cards were passed around and also gifts were exchanged. The church will be closed for the winter and services will be at Owen and Sue Wight's residence around March 2000. Have a good winter and stay healthy.

I want to thank the Nazarene Church of Bethel for the lovely tray of fruit, etc., that was brought to me by Bonnie Learned, who never fails to do that every year. Thank you so much and may God bless you all. My mailing address is now Box 1375 Bear River Road, Newry, ME.

College students home for the holidays are Dani Littlehale from Hesser College, Staci Littlehale from Plymouth College and Mandy Berry from Thomas College.

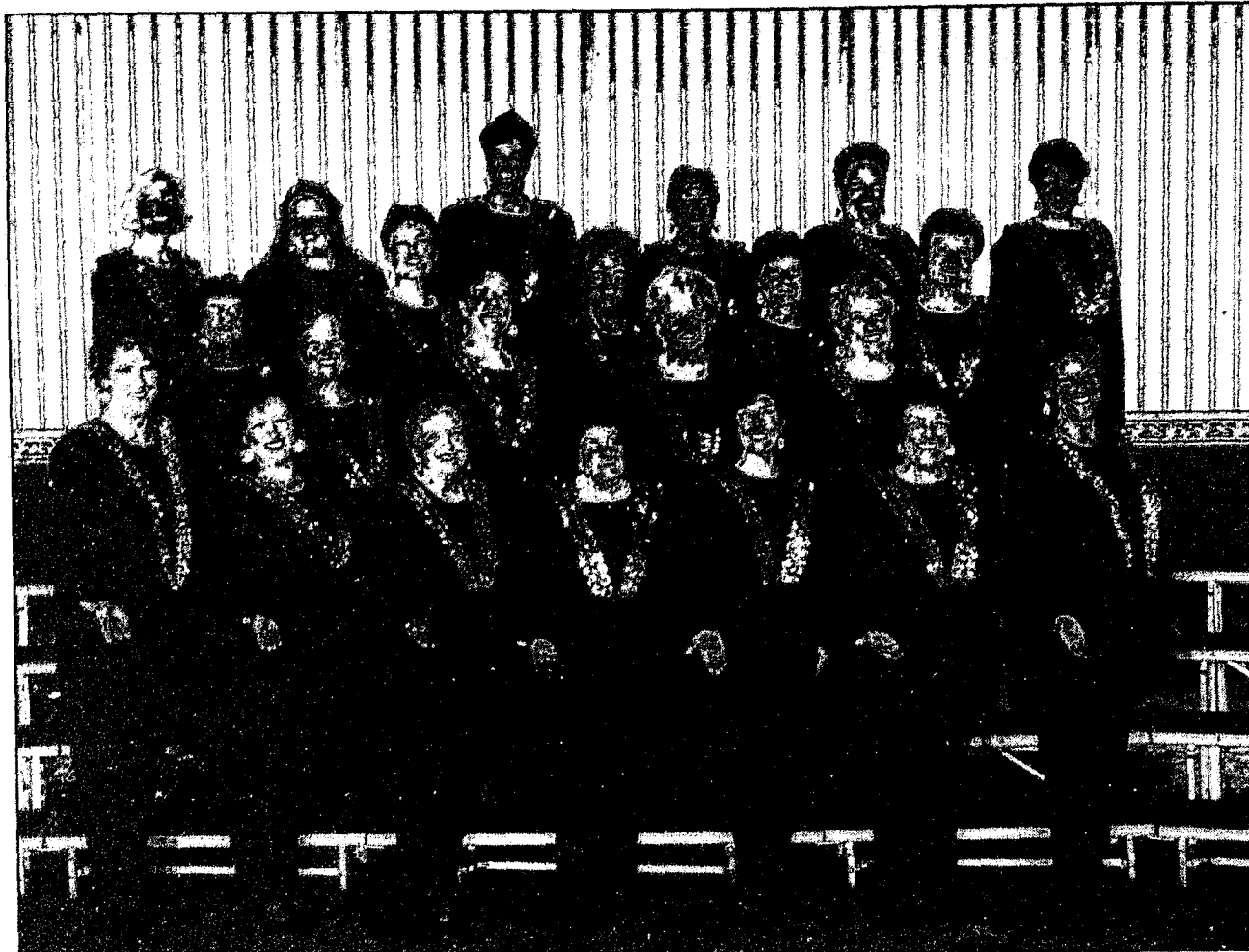
A family cookout/birthday party, was held Sunday, Dec. 19, for Brenda Wight (Dec. 2) and Nancy Wight (Dec. 17), with 17 family and friends attending. John Wight did a great job as chef.

On Saturday evening, John and Nancy Wight went with Dennis and Rita Wilson to Auburn for shopping and dinner after at The Village Inn. They reported the stores were packed.

Locke Mills

by Lorraine Larson
Andy and Lorraine Larson visited Dorothy Fadner at her home in Mayville on Sunday afternoon.

I was in Norway Tuesday for a checkup. Then I had one of those weird coincidences happen that can really freak one out. The examining room I was in had an enlarged pic-



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ture of mountains in Tibet, which was very striking, so while I was waiting (I think they make you wait on purpose to see what kind of shape your nerves are in), I took a pretty good look at the picture. That evening I was watching a TV show that showed the very same spot, taken from a little different angle, but nevertheless it was some coincidence. The mountains are the Himalayas and are certainly very large and very sharp. It is quite a contrast to see tall, snow-covered mountains with such barren land surrounding them. One would think there would be a lot of greenery, but it seems to be mostly gravel and rather large pieces of rock. How people manage to live in such harsh surroundings is mind-

boggling. Anyhow, I have decided to ransack (figuratively speaking) the local library and see what I can find on Tibet. It should be interesting. Of course, if I had a computer I could look it up, but I probably couldn't figure out how to use it; it's like digital watches -- it takes a kid to figure them out, or someone whose mind is sharper than mine.

The Greenwood Fire Department and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas potluck supper and tree Sunday evening at the fire station. Each child was presented a present and a bag of goodies. Among those present were Maggie Ring, Sally Melville, Jay Melville, Brian and Veronica Penley, Karyn and Janelle, Denise and Cubby Swan, Andy and Lorraine Larson, Beth

and Herbie Ring and daughter Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kostovick, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Piccirillo and Albert Curtis. The last three families had children with them but I couldn't get hold of anyone who knew the names -- sorry about that. Of course Santa Claus was there giving out the goodies and presents and he left three to give out to children who were ill and unable to be present. Actually, one of those is a grown-up young lady, Donna Melville. I don't know the names of the other two. If I have left out anyone, I apologize.

After reading over the item about the Fire Department Christmas party I was struck by the word "present" used in three different

contexts. No wonder people find English a hard language to learn. I looked the word up in the dictionary and there was almost half a page devoted to the word.

Sunday River Valley

by Rockie Graham
Solstice minus one and there's no snow. Ice falls from the sky. The roads are slick. People drive slowly, or not at all. I rush to an

"emergency meeting" to find no one there. Two others show up, both unaware the meeting has been cancelled and we were not informed. Meanwhile, my car has decided not to start, again. It is almost winter in Maine.

With most of my shopping done, I think about wrapping presents. That is a skill I have not exactly perfected, yet. Perhaps there should be classes. Perhaps there are and I don't know it. It gets harder as boxes become harder to come by. Those bags are nice, but don't make it if one is shipping gifts or bringing them great distances. Classes. Maybe I'll suggest it for

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next fall. If there is anyone out there who is good at it, perhaps you would like to offer it as a one-night (or longer) adult ed. session.

For the holidays, I just want to sleep in. I am tired and do not want to drive, anywhere. We may go to New Hampshire, but I may stay home. That means I must get to the library for a good book. To me, that sounds like the best way to spend a holiday. No muss, no fuss, no bother. It is easy for me to say. I did not grow up in this holiday tradition. That makes it easier to skip.

But, I do wish all of you the best of holidays. May you enjoy the family time, even if your family is not related but a group of friends. May everyone rest in peace. Think good thoughts about the coming New Year and what it may bring. In my tradition, it is the year 5760, and therefore, I do not fear the millennium bug, just those who want to capitalize on it to create chaos in an already unsettled world. Let us all think thoughts of peace and try to stop them in their tracks, wherever and wherever they may be.

Happy Holidays! Peace unto all.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

At Christmas time Upton comes to life with goodwill toward men as was announced at the very first Christmas in the Town of Bethlehem.

The Ladies Aide sponsored their annual Christmas party. Although it is primarily a children's party, the hall was filled with adults. Many of these people have attended almost every year since they were children. Now their children and grandchildren enjoy the goodwill of William G. Jenkins, the person responsible for this tradition. The tradition continues, thanks to the Ladies Aide members, Simone Lavalley, Vi Bernier, Lucille Lagesse, Sue Angevine, Debbie Sweetzer, Ellie LeComte and Donna Harris. This year Ellie Fuller was unable to attend, since she is recovering from her recent accident. We missed her presence and hope to have her back with us next year. Twenty-one senior baskets were distributed. Stuffed stockings and Christmas containers were given to each child. The children were: Elissa Dyer, Mark Lagesse, Lisa and Michele Aaron, Nick Lavalley, Sarah Katavolos, Jessica Lavalley, Rodney Harris, Jessica and Caitlyn Frances Casey, Joshua Demers, Jessica and Megan Thomas and Jennifer Davenport. Sarah recited a poem that she wrote herself. Lisa and Michele Aaron read the Christmas Story according to Luke from the Bible, and Elissa Dyer recited a poem about Christmas. Games and a hearty lunch followed the program. It was very cold outside but inside the Ladies Aide Building it was very warm and cheerful.

Horace and Pat Goodrum hosted their annual Christmas party for employees and friends of the Goodrum Gym Service at Sinibaldi's restaurant in Berlin on Saturday.

We would be remiss if we did not offer sympathy to the Fraser family and Doris Williamson Fraser on the death of Allan Fraser. Mr. Fraser was a long-time friend of Upton, attending many of its functions. He

never arrived empty handed. Always there was a photograph of a long gone structure in Upton. He was a great historian to all the small towns in the North Country. He will be sorely missed.

Let us not forget to feed the birds in this cold weather. The Bird of the Week is the Boreal chickadee spotted at Evelyn Kenny's feeder on the weekend. Their home is in the vast northern forests of Canada. Sporadic southward movement brings them to New England. They are similar to their cousins, the Black-capped chickadees, everyone's favorite little birds. They sport brown derbies to go with their brown coats and black bibs. They are also called Hudsonian chickadees. They seem to prefer coniferous trees, but are quite at home in the birches. I saw a flock of them in the shrubs up at Ryerson Field about 20 years ago. Occasionally one will show up at the feeder, but it is rare. Evelyn was fortunate to spot this one. The "chickadee" call of the Boreal is different from the Blackcap. It is slow and drawing. It also has distinctive chip notes uttered sharply with a short warbled song. (I read this in a book. I have never heard them.)

A hearty Merry Christmas to all the readers from all the birds in Upton, winged and wingless.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 10 members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hannah F. Richardson Tent 19 met at the home of Joyce Gouin for their regular monthly meeting. This was nomination and election of officers. A letter of thanks was read from Eloise Vail, also from Frances Grant, for flowers sent to them after their operations.

It was reported that they did well on the coffee, hot chocolate and cookie sale at the Oxford Hills Christmas Parade. Thanks to Arthur Gouin for letting them set up in front of his store, L.F. Pike.

After the meeting, an exchange of gifts was held by the pretty

Christmas tree and refreshments were served by the hostess. Gail Butterfield won the mystery prize. The next meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of January, which will be the 26th. Installation will be held at that time. This will take place at the home of Eleanor Smith at 7 p.m.

I hope people have recovered from the terrible wind storm we had last Saturday. What a lot of damage it did around here. Again, it was four days before some people got their power back on. Many trees were uprooted and even tops of buildings were blown off, also meter boxes were ripped from buildings. It was a fierce wind and one person says (and you know who) the wind blew and everything flew. It makes us appreciate what we do have.

I wish you readers a Merry Christmas. December is going by fast, isn't it?

Oh yes -- congratulations go out to Crystal Dunn, Kyle Barker and Stephen Barker for getting on the honor roll at the Molly Ockett Middle School.

David and Lani Thompson are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl. Rhiannon Patricia Woolard was born in Moorland, England. She joins a sister, Lindsey, who is four years old. Rhiannon's parents are Heather and Mark Woolard.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

On Dec. 31, the Bethel Historical Society will again sponsor New Year's Bethel, beginning at 6 p.m. with the Lighted Vehicle Parade and the lighting of the community bonfire. This family-oriented, chemical-free event will include a wide variety of music and performers at four locations.

Appearing at Gould Academy's Bingham Gym will be Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin with country music, 7 and 9:30 p.m. as well as George Worthley and Carole Clark (Scottish music), 8:15 and 10:45 p.m.

At the West Parish Congregational Church will be Maine humorist Greg Crocker at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and the State Street Traditional Jazz Band, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

Crescent Park School will feature Fred "Ziplin" Garbo at 7 and 8:15 p.m. followed by "Millennium" Bill Morton, who will spin some of today's tunes from 9:30 to 11:45 p.m.

At Gould's Bingham Auditorium there will be the Mollycokett Chorus (women's barbershop) at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and Wake the Neighbors at 8:15 and 10:45 p.m., who will perform Celtic music.

The Dr. Moses Mason House will feature a food court of nonprofits providing fare that will include hot chocolate, coffee, chili, hot dogs, etc. At 11:45 p.m., the heirloom quilt will be drawn and will be followed by fireworks presented by the Bethel Inn, welcoming the year 2000.

Admission to the events will only be possible with the wearing of a special button created for this year's celebration. They are available for adults at \$10 and for children (5-18) at \$8 at the Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Historical Society's Museum Shop, Maine Line Products and at the Bethel Citizen. For further information, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

With a membership exceeding 1,000 in more than 45 states, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time organization. It has been sponsoring heritage-oriented events for more than 30

years. It operates a Regional History Center (research library, museum, exhibitions and educational programming) from its two National Register buildings, the Dr. Moses Mason House and the O'Neil Robinson House, both on Broad Street in the center of the Bethel Historic District.

From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Many thanks to Janet and Jette Black, who hosted the chamber's annual holiday social on Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at Mothers Restaurant. It was wonderful to see so many out enjoying each other and celebrating the reopening of this great establishment. Welcome to our newest member North East Charter & Tour, Co. Scott Riccio, owner. Scott can be contacted via e-mail at info@northeastchartertour.com or via phone at 888-593-6328. Scott has a 14-passenger van with trailer available for hire.

Many thanks to all businesses who have done a beautiful job decorating for the holidays. Our town and area look so beautiful. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the horse-drawn wagon rides that

were available for the four weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsored by chamber members and thank you to Meadowcreek Farm, Butch and Becky Durgin, for doing such a nice job.

We are moving ahead with the 2000 Snowmen Fest plans. Many thanks for all the support we are receiving from chamber event partners: Premier Partner: New England Jeep Dealers (1-800-213-JEEP), Gold Partners: Megalink (www.megalink.net), Resort Sports Network (www.rsn.com), Mead, Sunday River Ski Resort; and Bronze Partners: Bechtel, Northeast Bank, Casablanca Cinema, Bethel Station, The Home Depot, Discover Novus, Pepsi and Hood. Snowman Fest brochures are available throughout the area and at the chamber office. World's Tallest Snowman souvenirs are available at the chamber office. We also have a wonderful 5 minute video showcasing the feat for \$10. With this purchase, you receive a free 1997 edition Bethel Gazebo ornament. The office is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Noon-5 p.m. Sundays.

Many thanks to the following wonderful chamber volunteers for helping us with the 2000 Snowman Fest brochures: Becky Secrest, Ruth Silver, Musa Brown and the crew at Maine Street Realty, Jim Mann and the crew at Mt. Mann Jewelers, Dale Cheney, and Al and Jackie Cressy.

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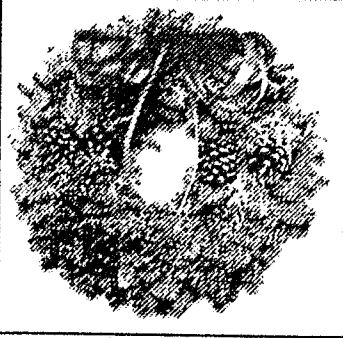
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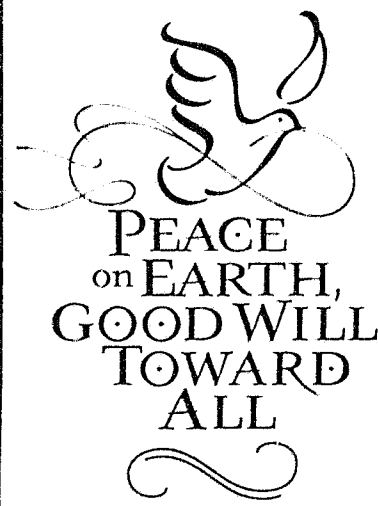
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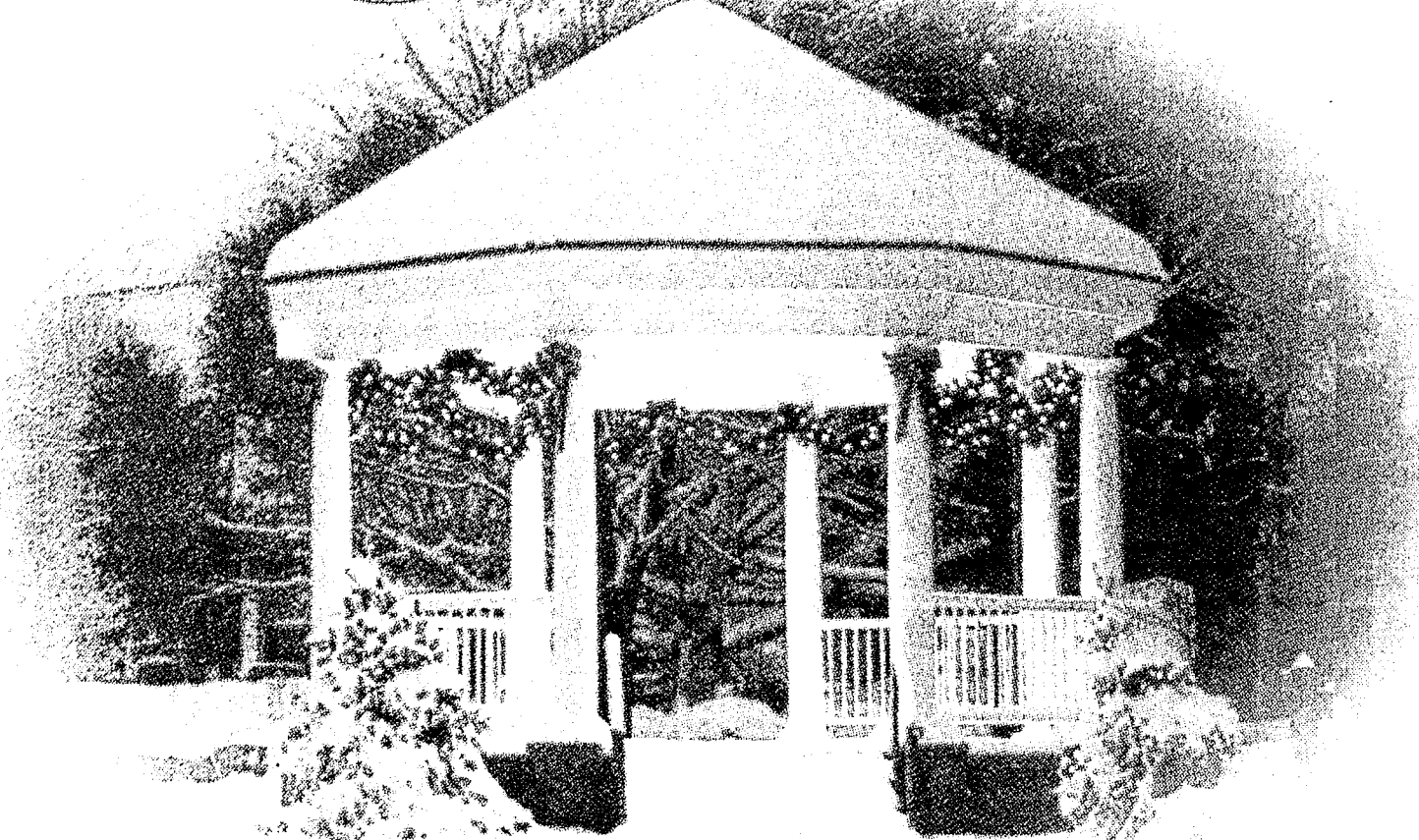
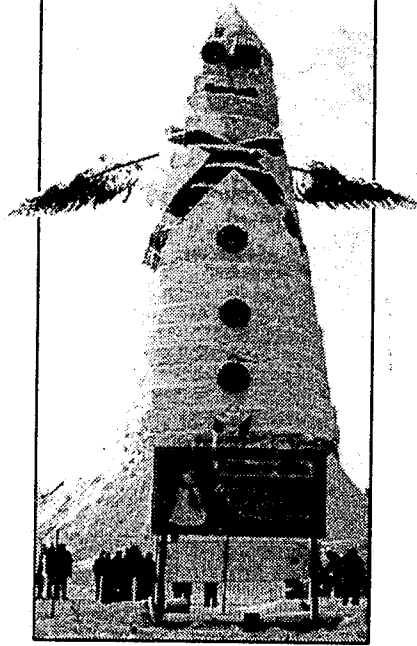


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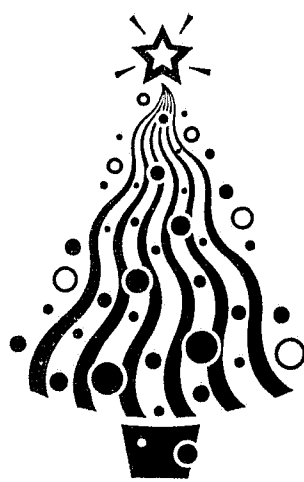
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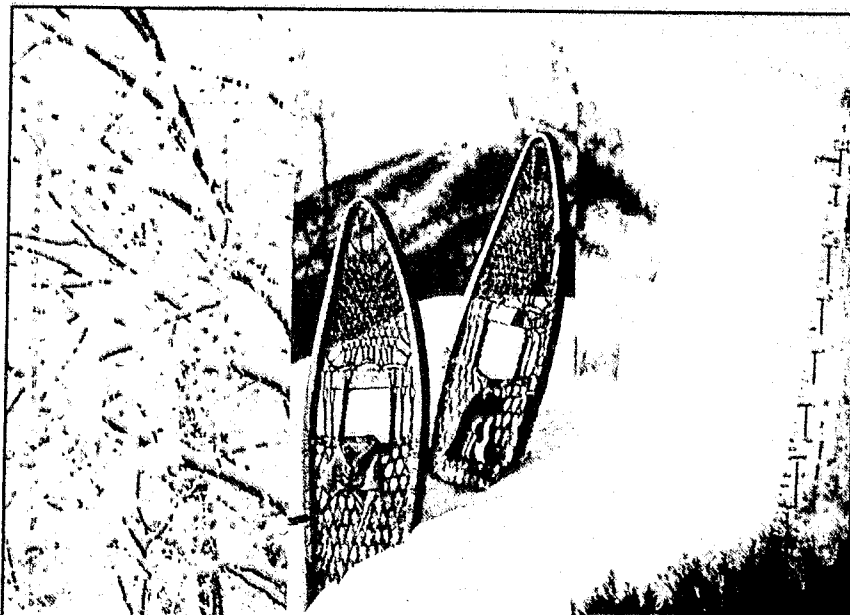
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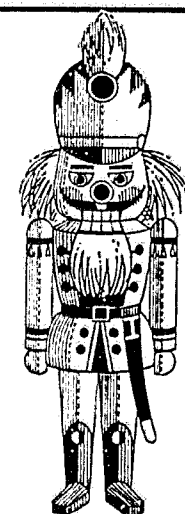


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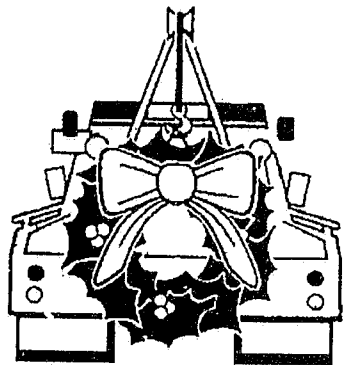
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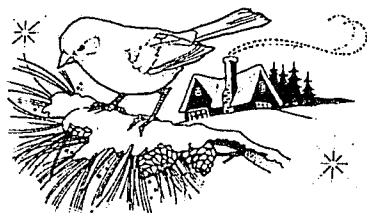
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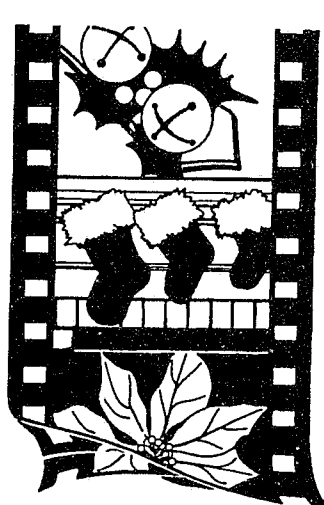
To all our friends, on the farm and in town, we wish you a holiday season filled with peace & love.



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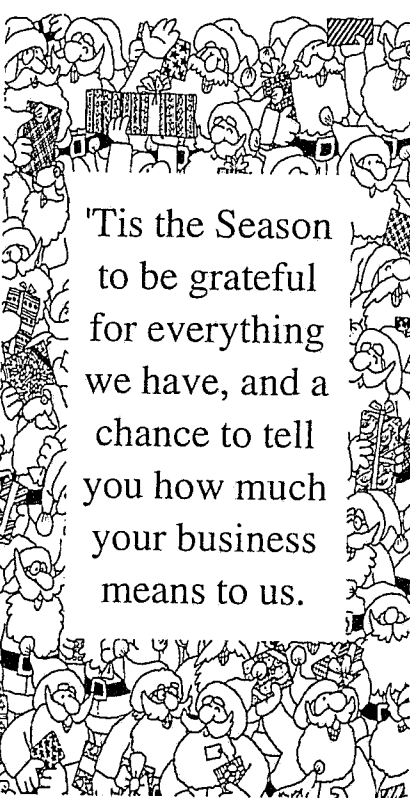
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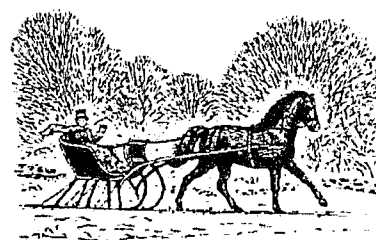
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'Tis the Season to be grateful for everything we have, and a chance to tell you how much your business means to us.

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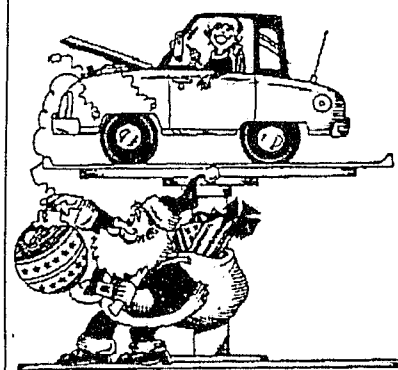


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To all of our customers, wishing you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A Happy New Year



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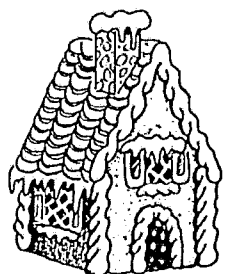


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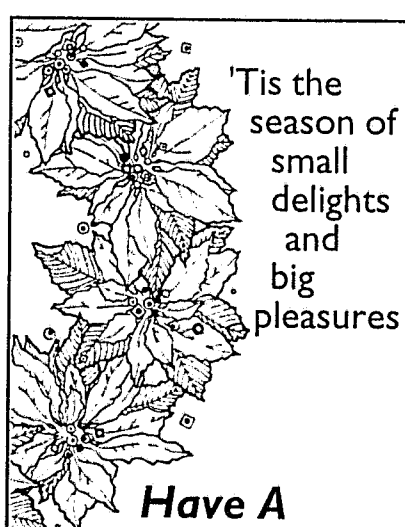
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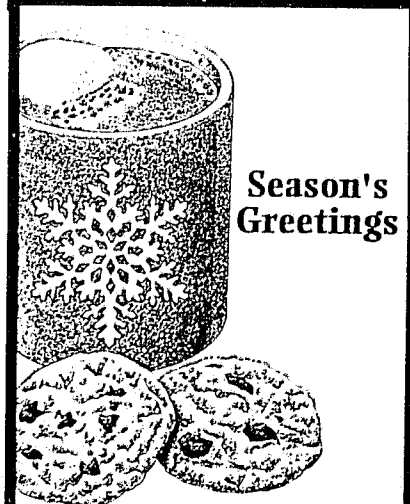
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Season's Greetings

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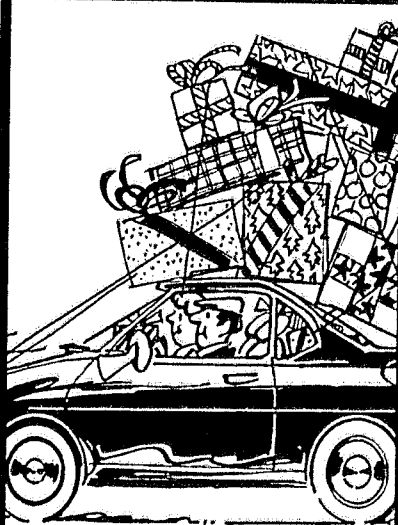
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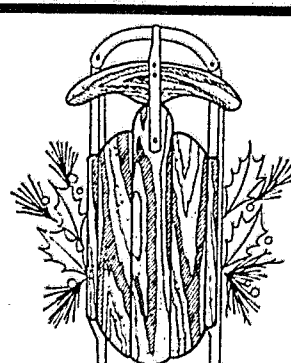
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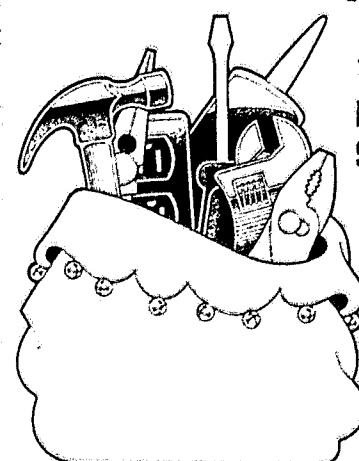
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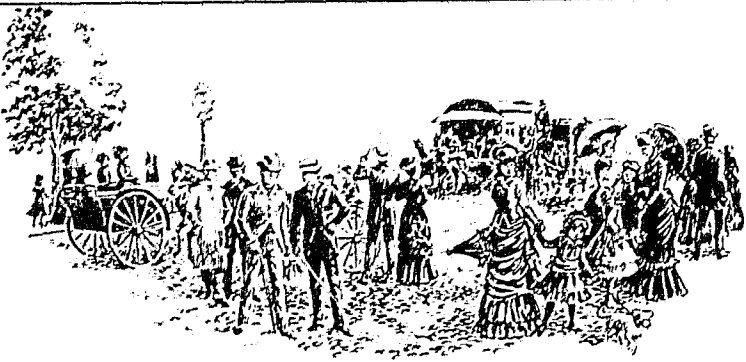
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Community Calendar

Activities

Public Computer Access: The Adult Learning Center is open for free computer use by adults during the Learning Center hours: Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3:30 to 7 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All lab users must complete a SAID44 Acceptable Use Policy regarding Internet and e-mail use. A public access computer is available at the Adult Education/ITV office at Telstar on Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 824-2780 to check on availability.

Art Show—Thru Dec. 31, at G.R.A.M.I. administrative office, Congress Street, Rumford, the artwork of Don and Maya Best will be featured. Meet the artists on opening night, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.



Donations to Coats for Kids may be dropped off at Hart's Stitch and Sew, Chandler Hill, Bethel.

Friday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., at Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26.

Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight service, 7 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Bible Church, West Bethel.

Christmas Eve service at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, 7 p.m. readings and carols and 11 p.m. candlelight service.

Birthday Reception for Edna York at Bethel Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Please come and join in wishing Edna well.

Friday, Dec. 31, starting 6 p.m.—second annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival featuring live music, dancing and fireworks at selected sights in Bethel village. Programs and advance sale tickets available by calling 824-2908.

New Year's Dance, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Locke Mills Town Hall. Buffet lunch at 10 p.m. Music by Felt's Orchestra. Donations of \$8 per person will benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

A service for New Year's Eve, sponsored by Bethel Episcopal House Church, will be held at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. This will be a time to reflect on the past and to anticipate the future in the context of a worship service.

Monday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m.—Mountain View Knitters meeting at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg. New members welcome. For more information, call Mrs. Snow (846-9381) of Mr. Hopper (603-383-9702).

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 6 p.m.—Appalachian Mountain Club International Night will show free slide show and discuss culture of Norwegian life at AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, Route 16 (north of Jackson, N.H., and south of Gorham, N.H.) For more information, call the AMC at (603) 466-2727.

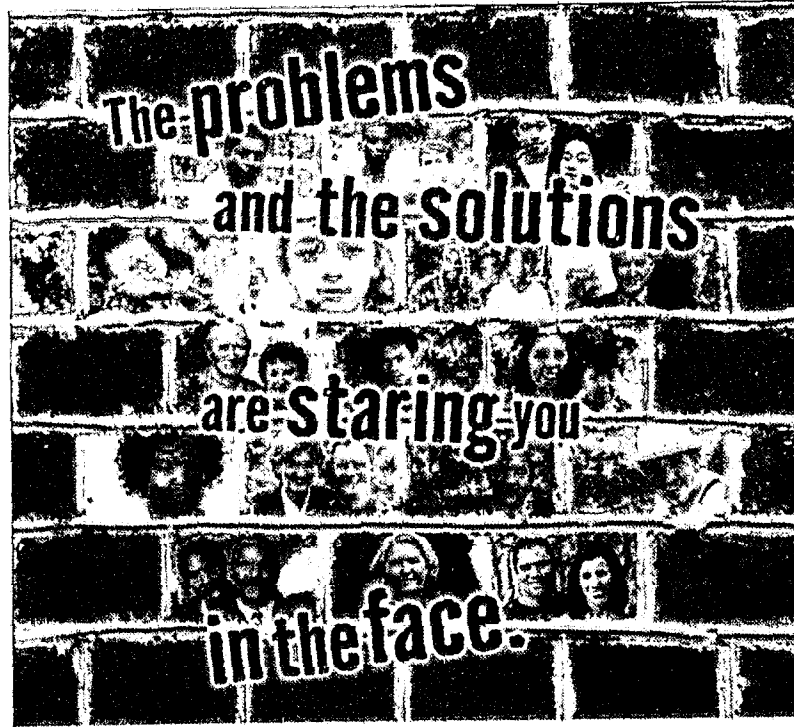
Saturday, Jan. 8, North Country Chapter of Audubon Society of New Hampshire mid-winter statewide eagle survey. Meet at McDonald's in Gorham at 7 a.m. for coverage of the Androscoggin River from Shelburne to Errol. Dinner and program open to public. For more information, call (603) 752-1924 or (603) 449-1376.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and luncheon at Bethel Methodist Church. Dues payable at this meeting. New members welcome.

Friday, Jan. 14, 1 to 6 p.m.—American Red Cross Blood Drive at South Ridge, Sunday River. For more information, contact Callie Phillips at 824-5381.

Sunday, Jan. 16, National Honor Society Senior Citizen Dinner at Telstar High School cafeteria from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 10-12 a.m.—Celebrating Fatherhood, sponsored by Community Concepts, will sponsor an "Eggsperience" with Clay by using clay as medium and eggs as theme each will sculpt an object. To sign up in advance or for more information, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).



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Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. After-school program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. Dec. 25 thru March. 743-2606.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month (824-2913).

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist—First and third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite. 392-1121.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church -Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m. Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Seasonal only:

Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.



Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	All Dogs Christmas		Movie: "The Christmas List"				Trans-Siberian Orchestra	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Americas Funniest		20/20 Downtown	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Mystery!			Rumpole of the Bailey	Michelangelo, Restored		
(22)	College Basketball: Michigan State at Kentucky						College Basketball: North Carolina at Louisville	Sportscenter		
(34)	Wallons		Movie: "The Gathering, Part II"				Waltons	Dallas		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays	Chicago Hope			48 Hours	News		
(41)	New England Tailgate		Boxing: Eli Dixon vs. Jimmy Thunder				Rugby: World Classic			
(15)	"Shadrach" Cont'd		Inside the NFL		Movie: "Retroactive"		Any Given	Real Sex 16		
(17)	Movie: "Cinderella"				Movie: "The Big Green"		Movie: "Genius"			
(18)	"Doctor Dolittle" Cont'd		Movie: "Criminal Passion"				Movie: "Outbreak"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins						Bruins	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "On the Second Day of Christmas"		Golden	Golden		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Chimp	WCW Thunder		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Skeeter		M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore
(25)	Hush Hush-Charlotte		Movie: "Auntie Mame"					Movie: "Charlie Chan in London"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Field of Dreams"			Walker, Texas Ranger		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Inside Story	Law & Order		
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "Jack the Giant Killer"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Survivor"				Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Pinocchio's Christmas		Rudolph's-New Year				Santa Is Coming to Town	Jack Frost	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"					News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy-World	Odd Man	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20	News		
(10)	Concert Series		Concert Series		Perry Como's Irish Christmas		Atlanta Symphony-Christmas			
(22)	NFL 2Night	Bowl Kickoff			Best of Sportscenter		50 Greatest	50 Greatest	Sportscenter	
(34)	Motor Madness		ECW Wrestling		Rollerjam: Calif.		Rollerjam: Wild	Motor Madness		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Movie: "Mrs. Santa Claus"				Nash Bridges	News		
(41)	NBA Action	Pro Football	Golfing	Golfing	Football	Pro Football	New England Tailgate	Snow Show	Edge	
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Scrooged"				Movie: "Witness Protection"		You've Got	
(17)	So Weird	Fantasia	Small One	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer			Holidays in Concert	So Weird	Jersey	
(18)	"Big Business" Cont'd		Movie: "A Cool, Dry Place"				Movie: "Bulworth"		Desert Psn	
(20)	Front Row	Holiday Celebrity Sports	Major League Baseball		Front Row		FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(44)	Movie: "If You Believe"				Movie: "A Chance of Snow"			Once and Again		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Grinch	Flinstones Christmas Carol				Figure Skating: Holiday Festival on Ice		
(24)	U Pick Nicktoons		Skeeter	Kenan-Kel	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore
(25)	Great Christmas Movies		Movie: "The Bishop's Wife"				Cinema	Movie: "A Christmas Carol"		
(26)	"Sneakers" Movie: "Housesitter"						Movie: "Boomerang"		Reality	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Holiday at Pops!			Law & Order		
(12)	Caroline	Movie: "Hamlet"					News	Movie: "Scrooge"		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Scrooge"				Blind Date	Mad	Star Trek: Voyager	
(32)	"Like Father, Like Santa"		Movie: "Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance"				Movie: "One Christmas"			
(6)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers						NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Los Angeles Lakers			
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade				Bloopers	News	Patriots	
(10)	Made In	Opinion	American Experience					Red Dwarf		
(22)	Lines	Sportsctr.	NFL 2Night	College Football: Oahu Bowl -- Hawaii vs. Oregon State						
(34)	"The Gathering, Part II"	Opry	Grand Opry	Holiday on Ice			Prime Time Country	Opry	Grand Opry	
(13)	ER		Early Edition	Marital Law			Walker, Texas Ranger	News		
(41)	Boxing: Fight Night at the Great Western Forum						Rugby: World Cup Final -- Australia vs. France	Sports	Pro Football	
(15)	"Home Fries" Cont'd		Movie: "Gloria"				Movie: "Wyatt Earp"			
(17)	"A Mom for Christmas"		Movie: "Angels in the Attic"				Movie: "Cinderella"		So Weird	
(18)	Movie: "Suspect" Cont'd		Movie: "Renegade Force"				Movie: "Soldier"		Atomic Tab.	Mass. 3
(20)	Top 50 Athletes		Goin' Deep Year in Sports				FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(44)	Movie: "Ebbie" Cont'd		Movie: "Christmas in My Hometown"				Oh Baby	Golden	Any Day Now	
(5)	Battle for Planet of Apes		Movie: "King of Kings"							
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Big Help Concert	Rugrats	Eddie	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi		
(25)	Around World in 80 Days		Movie: "Houseboat"				Mr. Magoo's Christmas	Santa Claus-Martians		
(26)	Movie: "Wayne's World 2"						Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop II"	Movie: "Say Anything..."		
(27)	"The Little Princess"		Biography		DanceSport Championship			Top 10		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Movie: "Newsies"				News	Wayans	Simple	
(39)	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Moneyweek	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight	

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "Love, Cheat & Steal"				WCW World	Battle Dome		
(32)	"The Neverending Story"		"The Neverending Story II: The Next Chapter"				Movie: "Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey"			
(6)	Dateline		Third Watch		Movie: "While You Were Sleeping"		News	Big Break		
(8)	Movie: "Wild America"				Practice		News	Paid Prog.		
(10)	Crooners		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Crown	Mystery!		
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	NFL Football: Washington Redskins at San Francisco 49ers					Sportsctr.		
(34)	Outdoors	Shooter	In-Fish	AmLegnds	Championship Rodeo		Hunting	Remington	ClassicCar	NASCAR
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "The Marriage Fool"			News		
(41)	Snow Show	Last Word	High School Basketball: Kreul Classic Final				NBA Basketball: Celtics at Clippers			
(15)	"Richie Rich" Cont'd		Movie: "There's Something About Mary"				Sopranos	Sopranos		
(17)	So Weird	Gargoyles	Darkwing	Bonkers	Movie: "Lady and the Tramp"		Fantasia	Walt Disney Presents		
(18)	"The Naked Gun" Cont'd		Movie: "Mars"				Movie: "The Fall"	Scenes	Return-3	
(20)	Boxing: Sunday Night Fights: Year-End Best Of				Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(44)	"She Led Two Lives"		Movie: "Race Against Time: The Search for Sarah"				Weddings-Life	Beyond Chance		
(5)	"Corrina, Corrina" Cont'd		Movie: "The Fisher King"					"Dolores Claiborne"		
(24)	Strange	Alex Mack	Little Bill	Nick News	Bewitched	Bewitched	Newhart	Newhart	WKRP	WKRP
(25)	Hot Rock	Screen	Movie: "The Getaway"				Movie: "Zeppelin"			
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Pacific Blue		JAG		La Femme Nikita	Law & Order		
(27)	Top 10		Biography				Biography			
(12)	Movie: "Young Guns II"				MacGyver		News	Replay	Wayans	Beaslmstr
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacle	CNN & Time		Moment of Impact	Sports	NBA Wk.	

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Islanders					Frasier	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Boss?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Suddenly	Law & Order		Dateline	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sports Rap Live		NFL Football: New York Jets at Miami Dolphins					
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		Richard Tucker Opera Gala		Tucker	To Contrary	Pipes	
(22)	Monday Night Countdown				Figure Skating: Brian Boitano's Holiday Spectacular			Dog Show	ESPNNews	
(34)	Waltons		Life and Times-Smith		Country Music		Wildhorse Slh	Dallas		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Ladies Man	Raymond		Becker	Person of the Century	News	
(41)	Bruiser Flint	College Basketball: Temple at Cleveland State			College Basketball: Alaska-Anchorage at Kentucky			Celtics		
(15)	"My Father, the Hero"		Movie: "Clueless"		Anna	Sopranos		Sopranos		
(17)	Movie: "Escape to Witch Mountain"		Movie: "Don't Look Under the Bed"				Movie: "Frankenstein and Me"			
(18)	Movie: "Outbreak" Cont'd		Movie: "The Getaway"				Movie: "Freak Talks About Sex"	Porky-Rev.		
(20)	College Basketball: Canisius at Indiana			Rinkside	Front Row		FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance		Movie: "The Perfect Mother"			Golden		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Dumb & Dumber"				Movie: "My Girl 2"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Rocket	Little Bill	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
(25)	"Charlie Chan in Egypt"		Fashion	Movie: "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir"				Movie: "Ladies of the Chorus"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone	Walker, Texas Ranger		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		American Justice	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Caroline	Movie: "Amadeus"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Killers in the Water		Danger in Our Skies		Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Boss?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	Will-Grace	3rd Rock	Dateline	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Spin City	Oh Grow	Dharma	Sports NI	Kids Rights	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		National Geographic		Nova		Frontline	Business	Firing Line	
(22)	Bowl		College Football: Alamo Bowl -- Penn State vs. Texas A&M					Sportscenter		
(34)	Waltons		Life of the Judds		Nunsense 3: The Jamboree			Dallas		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		60 Minutes II		Now and Again	News		
(41)	Sports	Celtics	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Sacramento Kings				Celtics	Bruiser Flint	Ski & Board	
(15)	"Wrongfully Accused"		Movie: "Gloria"				Sopranos	Sopranos		
(17)	Movie: "Oliver & Company"		Fantasia		Garbage-Picking, Field Goal-Kicking		Movie: "Noah"			
(18)	Movie: "Cousins" Cont'd		Movie: "Platoon"				Movie: "Born on the Fourth of July"			
(20)	Front Row	Helmet	Hardcore Football		Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Final Justice"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Gladiator"					"Braddock: Missing in Action III"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady
(25)	Charlie Chan		Hollywood's Hot Wheels		Movie: "Out of Sight"			Those Daring Young Men		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Highlander"			Walker, Texas Ranger		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		American Justice	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Caroline	Movie: "Amadeus"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New Jersey Devils					Frasier	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Boss?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Its Like	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Metropolitan Opera Presents					Religion		
(22)	Football	Bowl	College Football: Holiday Bowl -- Kansas State vs. Washington					Sportsctr.		
(34)	Waltons		Merle Haggard: For the Record					Dallas		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	King	Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of Arts			News		
(41)	AHL Hockey: Worcester IceCats at Hartford Wolf Pack						Adventure Quest	Edge	SnowAdvs	
(15)	Movie: "Titanic" Cont'd		Movie: "The Peacemaker"				Sopranos	Sopranos		
(17)	Movie: "Flash"		Movie: "Hocus Pocus"				Movie: "The Witches"			
(18)	"The Golden Child"		Movie: "The White Raven"		Movie: "Copycat"			Emmanuel		
(20)	Front Row	Sports	Women's College Basketball: Conn. at Okla.		Sports		College Basketball			
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "All the Winters That Have Been"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Orlando Magic				Insde NBA	"Born in East L.A."		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Rocket	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family
(25)	Charlie Chan		Movie: "Donovan's Reef"				Movie: "Samson and Delilah"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "A Face to Kill For"			Walker, Texas Ranger		

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School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mountain Valley 66, Telstar 41; Dec. 21—Telstar's Greg Koch had 12 points in a loss to Mt. Valley. Other scorers: Matt Lawrence (8); Will Seames (6); Dan Zinchuk (6); Kaleb Durgin (6); Kier Simmons (2).

Jay 74, Telstar 53; Dec. 18—Telstar's Greg Koch had 11 points and Kaleb Durgin 10 in a loss to Jay. Other scorers: Dan Zinchuk (6); Eli Young (6); Wade Osgood (6); Kier Simmons (4); Kinsey Durgin (3); Gavin Palmer (4); Bob Bean (1); Steve Estes (1); Paul Cox (1). Koch and Kinsey Durgin each had a three-pointer.

Telstar 61, Wiscasset 53; Dec. 15—Telstar's Matt Lawrence had 17 points and Bob Bean 14 in a win over Wiscasset. Other scorers: Greg Koch (9); Kier Simmons (4); Kaleb Durgin (8); Dan Zinchuk (5); Dan Stevens (2); Wade Osgood (2).

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Jay 63, Telstar 53; Dec. 18—Telstar's Kinsey Durgin scored 14

points, Robie Wentworth 10 and Wade Osgood nine in a loss to Jay. "It was a very physical game," said coach David Berry. "We went down early and could not come back."

Wiscasset 61, Telstar 15—Telstar's Wade Osgood and Kinsey Durgin each had 13 points in a loss to Wiscasset. Joe Gaudreau had eight points. Osgood and Durgin had nine and eight rebounds, respectively. "We got behind early in the game. We came back well in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough to overcome the big lead," said coach David Berry.

Telstar 62, Mt. Abram 43; Dec. 13—Telstar's Paul Cox and Kinsey Durgin each had 10 points in a win over Mt. Abram. Robie Wentworth had nine points and Joe Gaudreau eight. Gavin Palmer pulled down five rebounds. "The full-court press in the third quarter broke the game open," said coach David Berry.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Wiscasset 56; Telstar 26; Dec. 17—Telstar's Mariah Seames scored seven points and Lauren Hart five in a loss to Wiscasset. Other scorers:

Linsey Brown (4); Sara Papaik (4); Katrine Burgi (3); Jessica Walker (1); Katie Wight (2).

Jay 47, Telstar 17; Dec. 20—Telstar's Mariah Seames had six points in a loss to Jay. Other scorers: Katrine Burgi (4); Sara Papaik (2); Amber Bachelder (2); Katie Wight (1); Lauren Hart (1). Seames had a three-pointer.

Middle School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 23, Dirigo 16; Dec. 13—Telstar's Liz Rosenberg scored nine points in a win over Dirigo. Other scorers: Lindsay Hart (4); Kelsey Dole (4); Sarah Swan (4); Brandi Figueroa (2). Sarah Swan made both of her foul shots, and the Rebels got strong rebounding from Marissa Corriveau and Siobhan Henley. "Excellent defense and team play were keys to our success," said coach Mary Richardson.

Jay 37, Telstar 12; Dec. 8—Telstar's Liz Rosenberg scored six points, Lindsay Hart four and Kelsey Dole two in a loss to Jay. Sarah Swan had two steals, and Chelsea Cozzolino was the leading rebounder. "We played our first game against a strong Jay team that had four scrimmages under their belt," said coach Mary Richardson.

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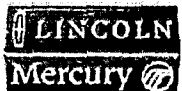
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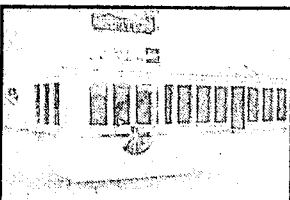
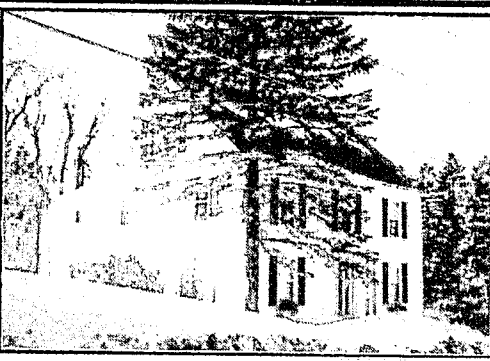


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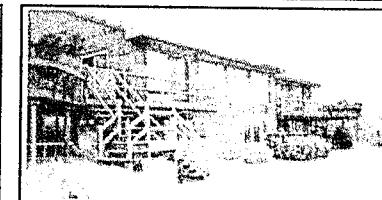
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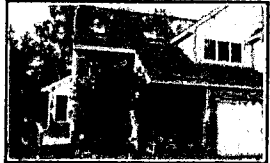
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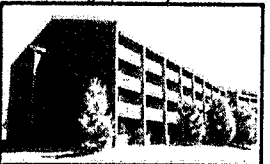
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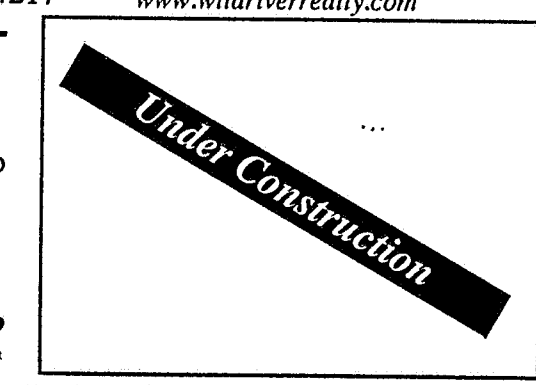
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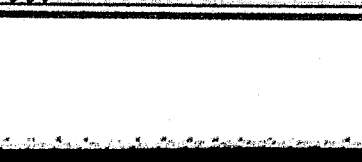
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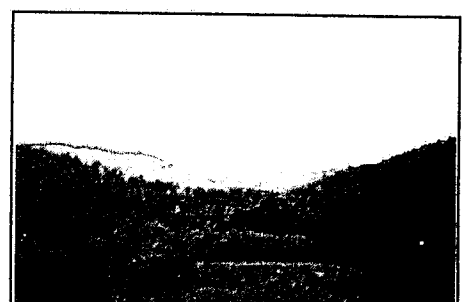


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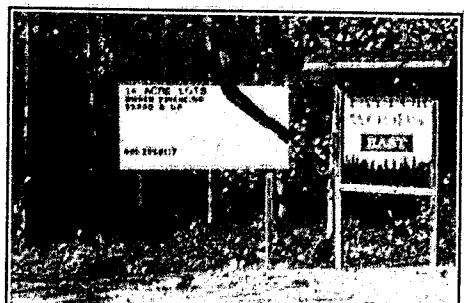
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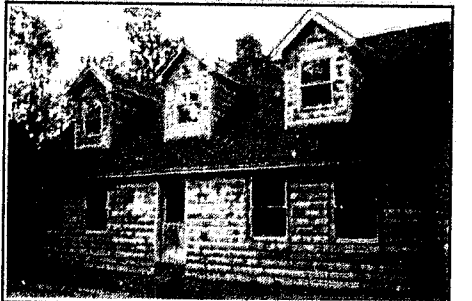
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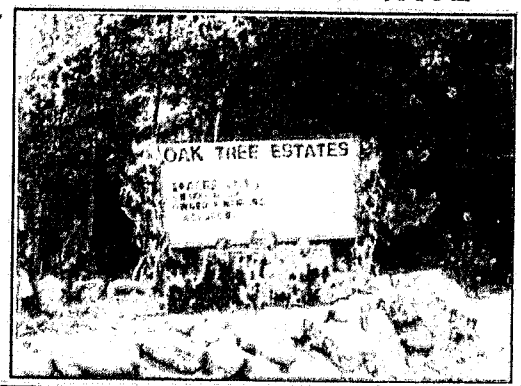


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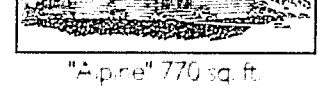
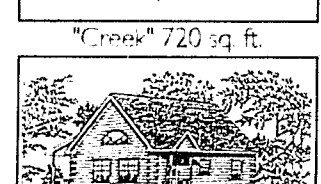
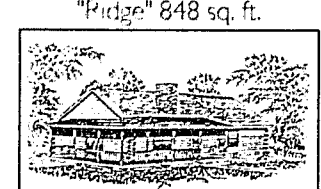
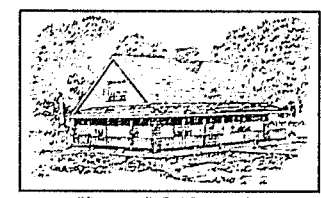


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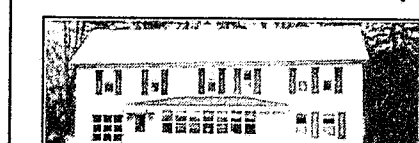
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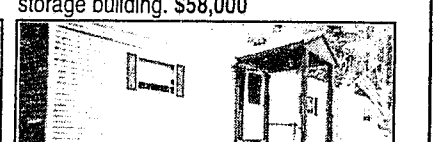
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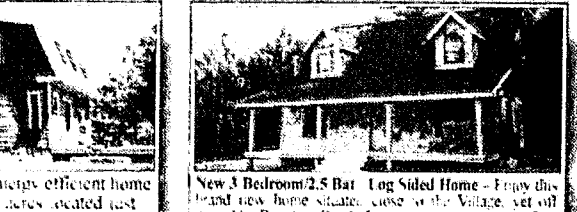
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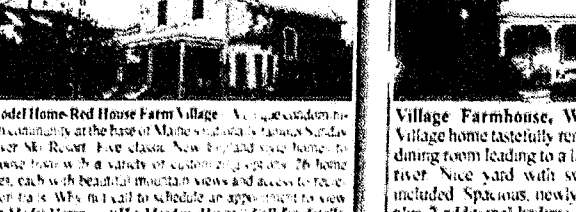
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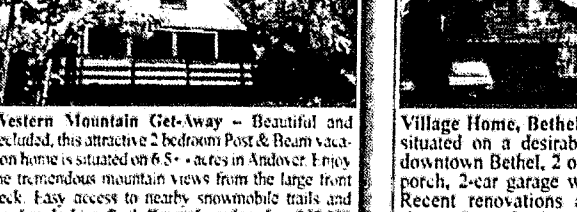
Charming 3 Bedroom + Gambrel - This show place is situated on 2+/- acres & framed by stone walls and manicured lawns. Deck off m.bdrm and living room. Spacious oak kitchen. Newly built farm fish pond. Large detached garage. Many extras. \$136,000. 34tf



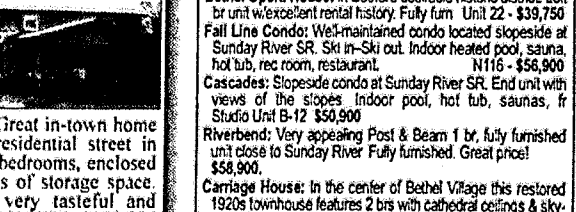
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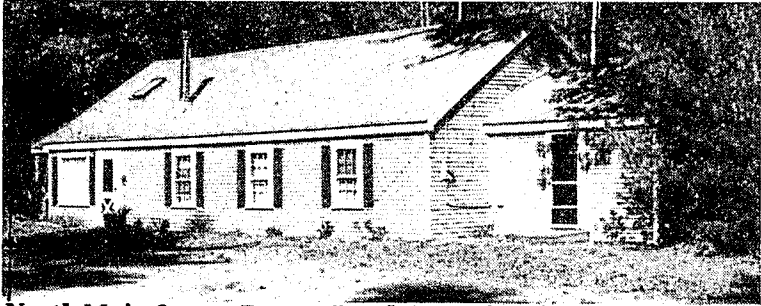
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South Pond Shores, Greenwood: Relatively new 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with spacious deck is situated on a private & wooded 5+/- acre lot offering a deeded right-of-way to South Pond beach area. Drilled well, private septic, propane heat, woodstove. Most contents included. Sellers motivated. \$99,900



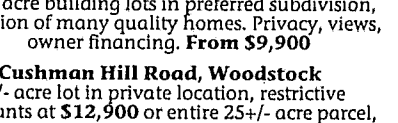
North Main Street, Bryant Pond: Located on direct travel route to skiways, this recently renovated and attractively decorated 3 bedroom Ranch offers a spacious kitchen with skylights & breakfast bar, large dining room and living room with gas fireplace. Residential and/or commercial potential! \$74,900



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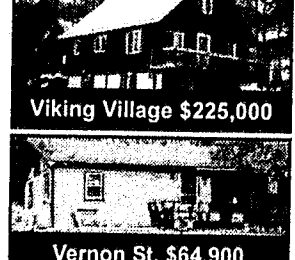


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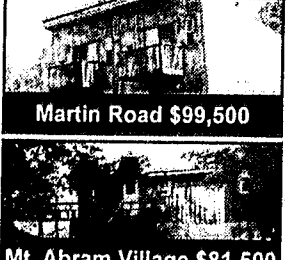
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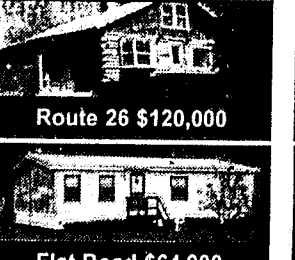
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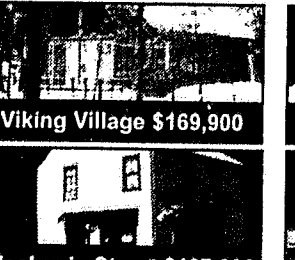
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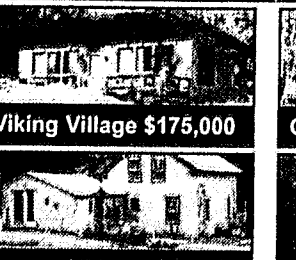
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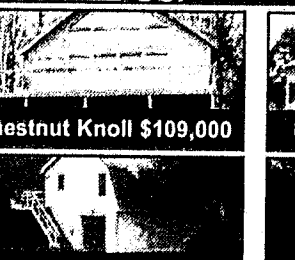
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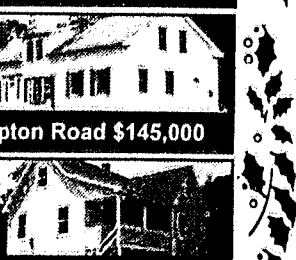
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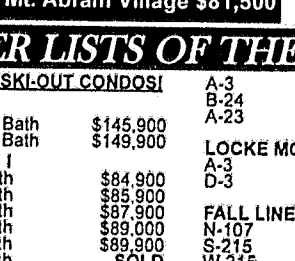
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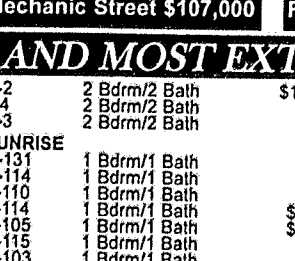
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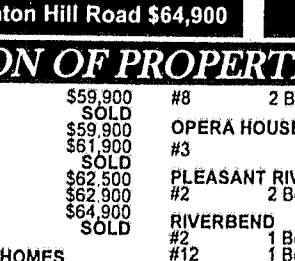
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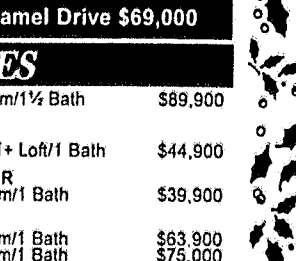
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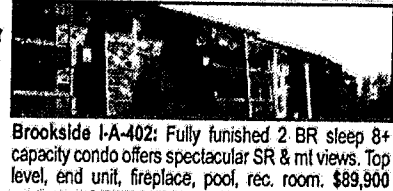


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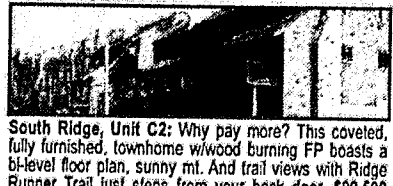


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Obituaries

EDNA E. W. ESTES

Edna Eleanor Whitehouse Estes, 88, formerly of Brunswick, died Friday, Dec. 17, after a long illness at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center.

She was born in Rumford on Oct. 23, 1911, the daughter of William L. and Annie L. Whitehouse. She was educated in Rumford schools and graduated from Stephens High School, Class of 1929. She married Carl E. Estes in 1935 and moved to Auburn, where he was employed by the H.P. Hood Company. They moved to Brunswick in 1940.

As a member of the Pleasant Street Methodist Church, she served as a Sunday School teacher, communion steward, choir member and also served on many other committees. When the church moved to its new location on Church Road, it became known as the Brunswick United Methodist Church. She enjoyed the Wednesday morning Bible study group and later the Thursday afternoon group. She was an active member of the Loyalty Club of the church and a "Golden Link" member of the Brunswick Methodist Women. A church member for more than 50 years, she was an honorary member of the church's administrative board at the time of her death.

She was employed by the Brunswick school lunch program at Brunswick High School for 17 years, retiring in 1976.

She enjoyed spending weekends and vacations at the family home, the Whitehouse Farm, settled by her ancestors in the early 1800s in Lovell and spent summers there after her husband retired. She enjoyed reading and keeping in touch with family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Estes Carter of Lovell; a grandson of Lovell; a granddaughter of Tolono, Ill.; a great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Lynda Anne Estes, in 1956; four brothers, Weston Whitehouse, Walter Whitehouse, Harry Whitehouse and Roy Whitehouse; and a sister, Iva Potter.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the United Methodist Church, Brunswick, with interment in Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

KENNETH L. GIDDINGE

Kenneth L. Giddinge, 75, formerly of Koskela Road, Woodstock, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at the Hawthorne House in Freeport.

He was born on June 10, 1924, in South Portland, a son of Carleton and Ada (Cobb) Giddinge and graduated from Falmouth High School in 1944. As a senior in high school, prior to his graduation, he was drafted in 1943 and served in the Army during WWII, in the 33rd Division as a chaplain assistant in Japan. After the war, he attended the University of Maine and gradu-

ated from Portland Junior College. He married the former Bessie Austin on Jan. 18, 1952.

He studied through the Chicago Baptist Seminary and Moody Bible Institute. He served as a minister in Machias, Jonesport and North Yarmouth. He lived in Ohio for six years and worked for General Motors and at a Campbell soup factory. He lived in Pownal for 10 years and drove school buses for the Pownal Elementary School. He also worked 15 years for Pineland and 10 years for the Old Tavern Farm Dairy. He lived in Freeport for 20 years and retired at age 63 from the town as the landfill operator. He retired to Woodstock 12 years ago.

He was a member of the North Paris Federated Church. He was a member of the West Baptist Association affiliated through the United Convention of Maine, as well as a long-time member and deacon at the First Baptist Church of Freeport.

He enjoyed woodworking and carpentry. He was an avid reader and enjoyed reading non-fiction and books on religion. He also was a writer and wrote stories and editorials for newspapers, including the Lewiston Daily Sun, which his father helped establish.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years of Freeport; four sons, Paul and Timothy of Pownal, Daniel of Chicopee, Mass., and David of Durham; two daughters, Deborah Cogswell of Brunswick and Joanna Foster of Cumberland; one sister, Geraldine Hager of Edgcomb; one

brother, Keith of Grand Isle; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Freeport, with the Rev. Sandy Williams officiating. Burial was in Burr Cemetery, Freeport. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made c/o Fred Oja at the North Paris Federated Church, North Paris, ME 04289.

CHRIS B. AKERS

Chris B. Akers, 35, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at Rumford Community Hospital. He was a resident of 38 Wyman Hill Road in Andover.

Born in Rumford on May 19, 1964, he was the son of Robert and Elaine (Gammon) Akers. He was a graduate of Telstar Regional High School with the Class of 1983. He was a self-employed logger.

He was an avid race car fan. He loved his wife, family and friends and logging.

He was married in Rumford on Sept. 27, 1997, to Kim Stetson, who survives of Andover. Other survivors include newly born twin daughters, Alyssa Rose and Hailey Faith Akers of Andover; his parents of Andover; one sister, Mrs. Kellie Akers Crockett and her husband Aaron of East Bethel; one niece; two nephews; and several loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. at Andover Congregational Church, with Pastor Jane Rich and the Rev. Duane Waite officiating. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. Those who desire may contribute to the Scholarship Fund for his twin daughters, Alyssa and Hailey, c/o Kim Akers, 700 Spring Avenue, Rumford, ME 04276.

Card of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to all of you! To Red for being there for me the whole time. To Dale and Linda Smith, to Mike, Sandra & Gary Clement, and Bob Wheaton. To Shelly for working for me with help from Lois & Edna.

Also, to Lucia Schwartz for the house warming gift, and to my new neighbors for the loan of the pushcart and welcoming cards. To Dot Bean, for the loan of the key. All of these things helped to make my move an enjoyable experience. Thank you, thank you, and thanks again!

P.S. and a special thanks to Mike and Sandra Clement for giving Peter a warm and loving home.

Janice Hill

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas our Fraternal Circle has been broken again by the death of our sister, Floribel Haines.

Be it resolved that Alder River Grange has lost a loyal and esteemed member and that we extend our sincere sympathy to her bereaved family.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to her family and a copy sent to the Bethel Citizen for publication.

Committee of Resolutions:
Dorothy Boyce, Connie Tuttle,
Nancy Mercer

In Loving Memory

Eugene E. Buswell
Aug. 10, 1920
passed away Dec. 24, 1988

Always a silent heartache, many a silent tear, many beautiful memories of him we hold so dear. Someday we hope to meet him, someday, we don't know when. To take his hand in a better land, never part again.

Missed dearly by Wife, Children & grandchildren

Card of Thanks

Sunday, December 19, was a very cold night, yet twenty some people donned their warmest clothing and Santa Claus hats, boarded a flat bed trailer and traveled the streets of Bethel and Bryant Pond singing songs of love, peace, comfort and joy. They took an ordinary evening and made it very special for many and for each other. Thank you, Thelma & George

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LEROY I. SMITH

Leroy Irving Smith, 91, of Slab City Road, Lovell, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at his home.

He was born in Buckfield on Dec. 4, 1908, the son of Irving and Ina Record Smith and was educated in Buckfield schools.

He started his work career as a Saco River log driver. Ten years ago the University of Maine interviewed him and wrote a book about what it was like to be a log driver. He worked for Brown Lumber Company and then worked 40 years for Diamond National Lumber Company and was also a surveyor and a Maine Guide.

He was a life member of the Western Maine Firemen's Association and the Lovell Fire Department and a member of the Maine Trail Breakers. He had lived in Lovell for the past 56 years.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Pauline Kendall Smith of Lovell; two daughters, Beverly Bassett of Lovell and Caroline Knight of Oxford; two sisters, Bernice McInnis of Stow and Eldora Charles of North Fryeburg; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Dec. 21, at No. 4 Cemetery in Lovell, with the Rev. Donald Ashworth officiating. Donations may be made in memory of Roy to the community Health Services, or Hospice, 901 Washington Avenue, Suite 104, Portland, ME 04103-2797.

EDWARD W. GORDON

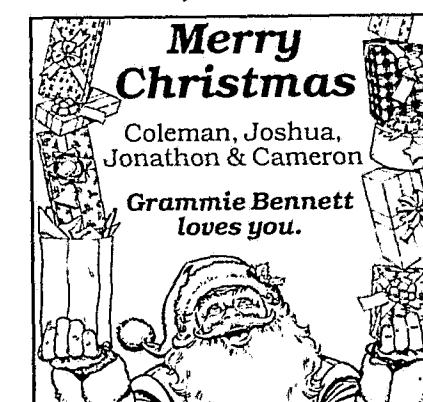
Edward W. Gordon, 70, of Norway, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

He was born in Bethel on Jan. 6, 1929, the son of Harry and Dorothy Clough Gordon. He moved to South Paris with his family at the age of four and attended schools in that area.

Mr. Gordon lived for many years in the Bethel area with his first wife, Kathrine.

He resided in the Norway area for the past 22 years with his wife, Doris.

He worked for the Grand Trunk Canadian National Railway, starting in 1943, working his way up to track foreman, and he worked there

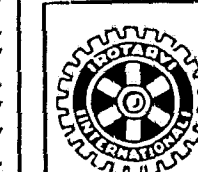


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